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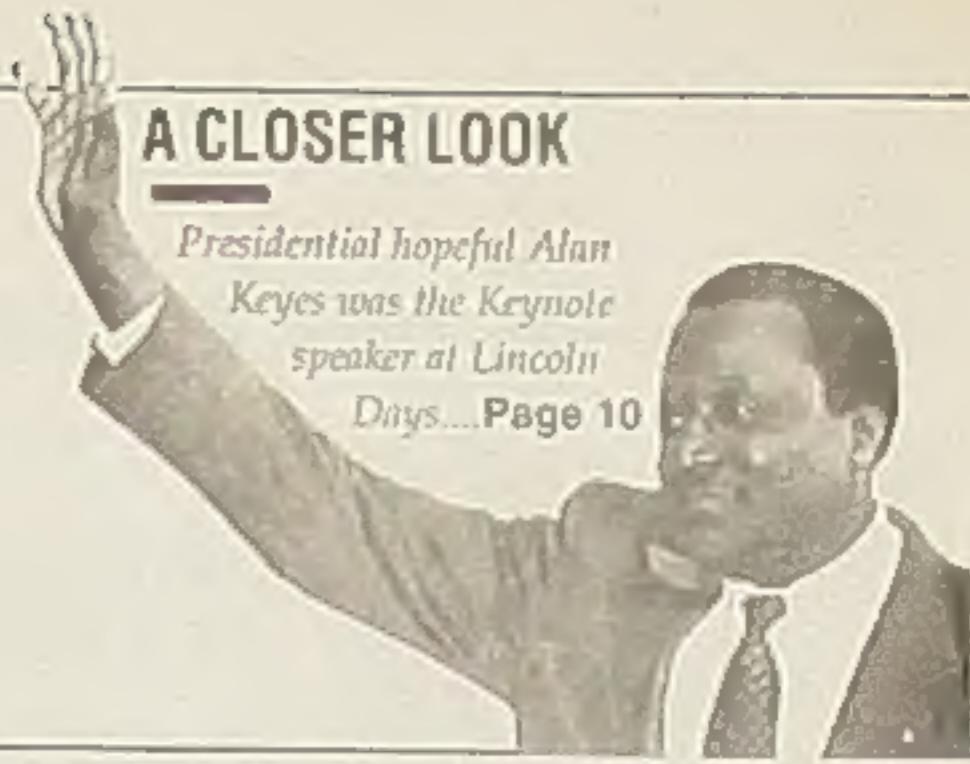
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## SPECIAL ELECTION

## Tuesday vote determines Center's destiny

**STOP Now!** lobbies against Proposition J

By RICK ROGERS  
MANAGING EDITOR

A local group of concerned citizens and business people has enlisted the assistance of STOP Now! to aid its opposition to the Joplin Civic Center.

STOP Now!, a non-partisan Kansas City-based continuing committee, has lobbied against many different taxation proposals in the state of Missouri since 1991.

"We are not formed just for this issue," Pat Gray, a representative of STOP Now!, said Tuesday in a meeting at the Joplin Holiday Inn. "We get engaged and involved in many issues around the state on an on-going basis. We are different than a campaign committee."

Gray said STOP Now!'s theme for its campaign against Proposition J is "Joplin, it is OK to say no!"

"When an issue like Proposition J comes along where some of the civic leaders have gotten together and said this would be

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This sign, located at a vacant car wash on Range Line, advertises against Proposition J.

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**Belk expresses support for new building**

By RICK ROGERS  
MANAGING EDITOR

A former Missouri Southern administrator has gone public with his support for the Joplin Civic Center proposal.

Dr. Floyd Belk, vice president for academic affairs from 1974-1990, has staked 14 signs promoting Proposition J across the perimeter of his residence at the corner of 20th Street and Murphy Boulevard. Belk, who has lived there 24 years, said this was the first time he has put up signs promoting a project or election.

"It is an ideal place to put political signs, but for obvious reasons I have never had any signs put up here," he said. "However, I feel strongly that we really need this building. Because of those strong feelings I put up the signs, but I will never put up political signs."

Even during his reign as vice president for academic affairs, Belk said the need for a new physical education facility was an ongoing predicament for the administration.



RICK ROGERS/The Chart

Former Southern administrator Dr. Floyd Belk posts signs in favor of Proposition J.

FEB. 29

## Southern's leap year babies

By RONNA SPARKS  
STAFF WRITER

Most college students encourage the progress of Father Time during the year between birthdays, but students born on leap year have to wait four times as long.

Feb. 29 comes around once every four years, and for four Missouri Southern students, along with leap year comes their official birthdays.

For Jason Boyer, sophomore computer aided drafting and design major, this birthday is a source of amusement for his family. Boyer was born Feb. 29, 1976.

"My mom's always kidding me about being 4," he said, "and she teases me about being a sophomore in college and turning 5."

Another Southern student who shares Boyer's birthday also endures teasing. Michael Butler, sophomore undecided major, said people label him as "one of those leap year babies." Butler also was born Feb. 29, 1976.

"I got teased a lot about it as a little kid

because they'd say that I didn't have a birthday," he said.

Because one year is actually 365.242199 days, the portion of the day not included on the calendar year must be allocated so the calendar year will be accurate, which is where Feb. 29, or leap year day, comes in.

"Normally the odds of being born on any given day are one in 365," said Dr. Dennis Harmon, assistant professor of mathematics. "Since Feb. 29 occurs only one-fourth of the time, the chances of being born on leap year day are very small."

In fact, the chances of being born on leap year day are one in 1,461. Southern, with its 5,043 enrollment, slightly surpasses the odds with four students born on Feb. 29.

With their official birthdays falling only every four years, the students born on leap year day try to make their birthdays more special. Butler's birthday celebrations have contained a small amount of youthful humor.

"The weirdest thing was that when I was 12, they put a 3' birthday candle on my cake," he said, "and then on my 16th, they



DEBORAH SOLOW/The Chart

Michael Butler, a sophomore undecided major, is one of four Missouri Southern leap-year babies. He was born in 1976.

put one of those little 1" candles on my cake that was a 1" 4' with Big Bird on it."

Janie Boyer, Jason Boyer's mother, said he never felt like he had an odd birthday.

"I've always tried to make his birthday special for him so he wouldn't feel cheated out of a birthday," she said. "Whenever it comes around I try to make it extra special."

Jason Boyer said people are surprised when he tells them he was born on Feb. 29 and that some don't even believe him, but he isn't ashamed of his unusual birthday.

"I think it's pretty cool," he said. "It's pretty interesting because it's not an everyday birthday." □

## STUDENT EXCHANGE

## 27 Southern participants to take trip to Oxford

By KIKI COFFMAN  
STAFF WRITER

Twenty-seven participants from Missouri Southern are going to Oxford this summer as a part of the annual Oxford Exchange Program.

"We've had more applications [this year] than we've had for a long time, which is exciting for me," said Dr. Delores Honey, Oxford coordinator and director of assessment and institutional research. "We have 27 this year, and that is marvelous."

Honey said the trip will make for an exciting experience.

"Two big advantages are that they have a tutorial system which is different from our lecture system here in the United States and the students will have a very in-depth look at British culture," she said.

Lisa Ross, senior psychology major, said she's looking forward to the chance to go to school in a different country.

"Apparently people come there from all over," Ross said. "I've taken Russian for one and a half years, so I'm really looking forward to meeting people from different countries and possibly getting the chance to speak some Russian."

Ross will take a course called Historic Estate Gardens and Mansions so she can "get out and see the city."

Some students were surprised when they were first approached about going to Oxford.

"If a friend hadn't convinced me to apply, I wouldn't be going," said Laura Fay, junior undecided major and non-traditional student. "I was like, 'I'm old and I have kids!'"

Fay says she will be studying Castles in Medieval Britain.

"I've always been interested in castles, and I wanted to take some field trips while I was there," she said.

Both Ross and Fay said they would like to explore the area outside of class.

"The great thing about going to Europe is that the countries are so close together," Fay said. "I'd really like to go to Ireland; I just hope I get the chance."

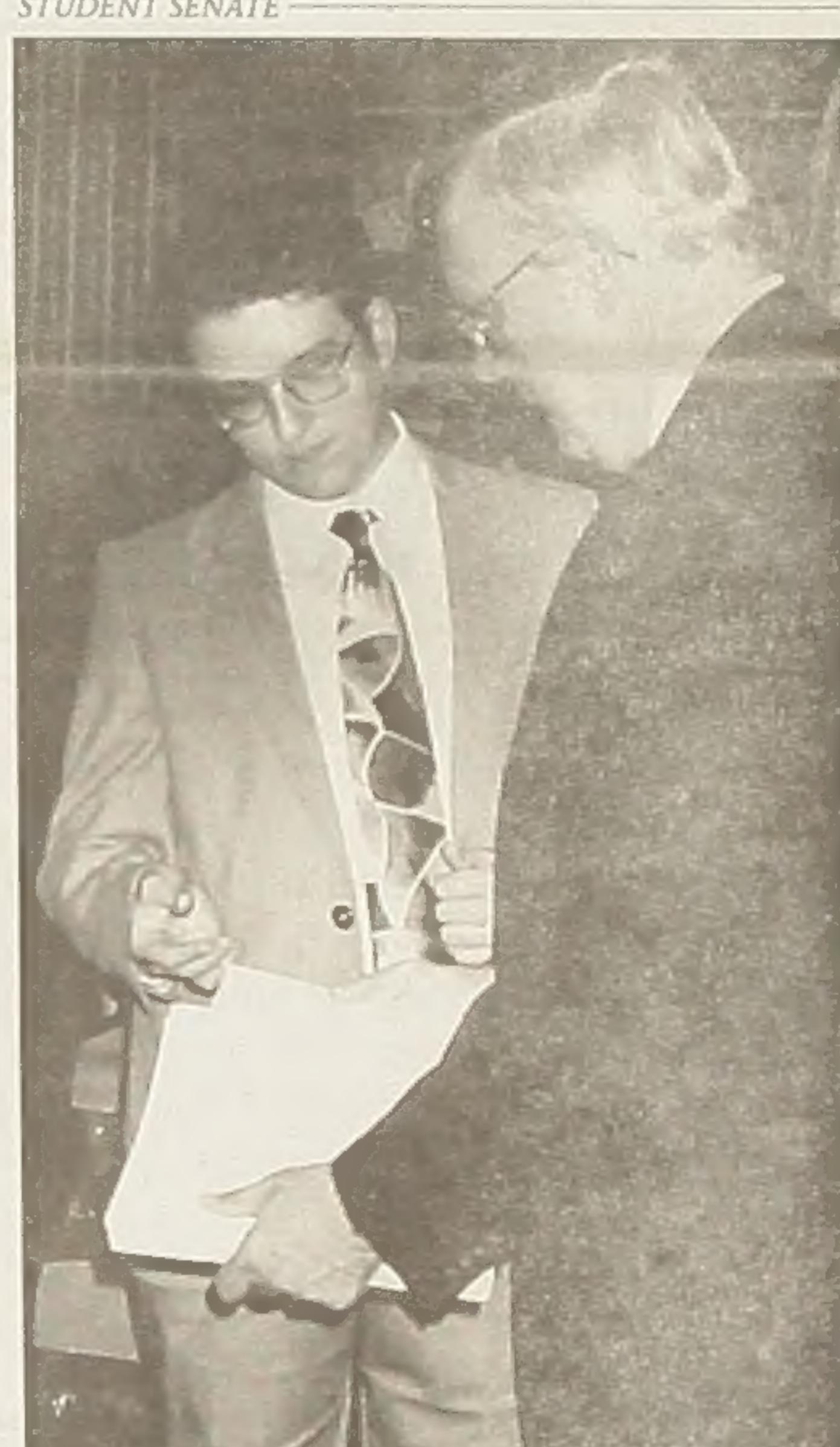
The program will be split into two separate sessions. Students taking part in the first session will depart on July 1 and return on July 22. Session two will run from July 22 through Aug. 10. □

**1996 OXFORD STUDENTS**

Cyndi Adamson, senior, business	
Susan Allen, senior, sociology	
Jeremy Brown, junior, undecided	
Rachel Brown, junior, psychology	
Sandra Bullington, unavailable	
Mary Costley, junior, communications	
Laura Fay, junior, undecided	
Robin Greer, unavailable	
Margie Hill, senior, sociology	
David Hunter, senior, computer science	
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## STUDENT SENATE



(From right) Missouri Sen. Marvin Singleton (R-Seneca) played host to Gary Crites and the rest of the Student Senate Monday and Tuesday at the Capitol.

## Student Senate makes annual trip to Jefferson City, Capitol

By J.L. GRIFFIN  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

The annual pilgrimage to the State Capitol by Missouri Southern's Student Senate Monday and Tuesday allowed the junior legislators to see politics in action and speak with Gov. Mel Carnahan.

Nearly 20 Southern student senators toured the Capitol and the governor's mansion during their two-day excursion.

The group met with Sen. Marvin Singleton (R-Seneca) Monday and talked about the upcoming special election for the proposed Joplin Civic Center. Singleton also introduced the group to the Missouri Senate during Monday's session.

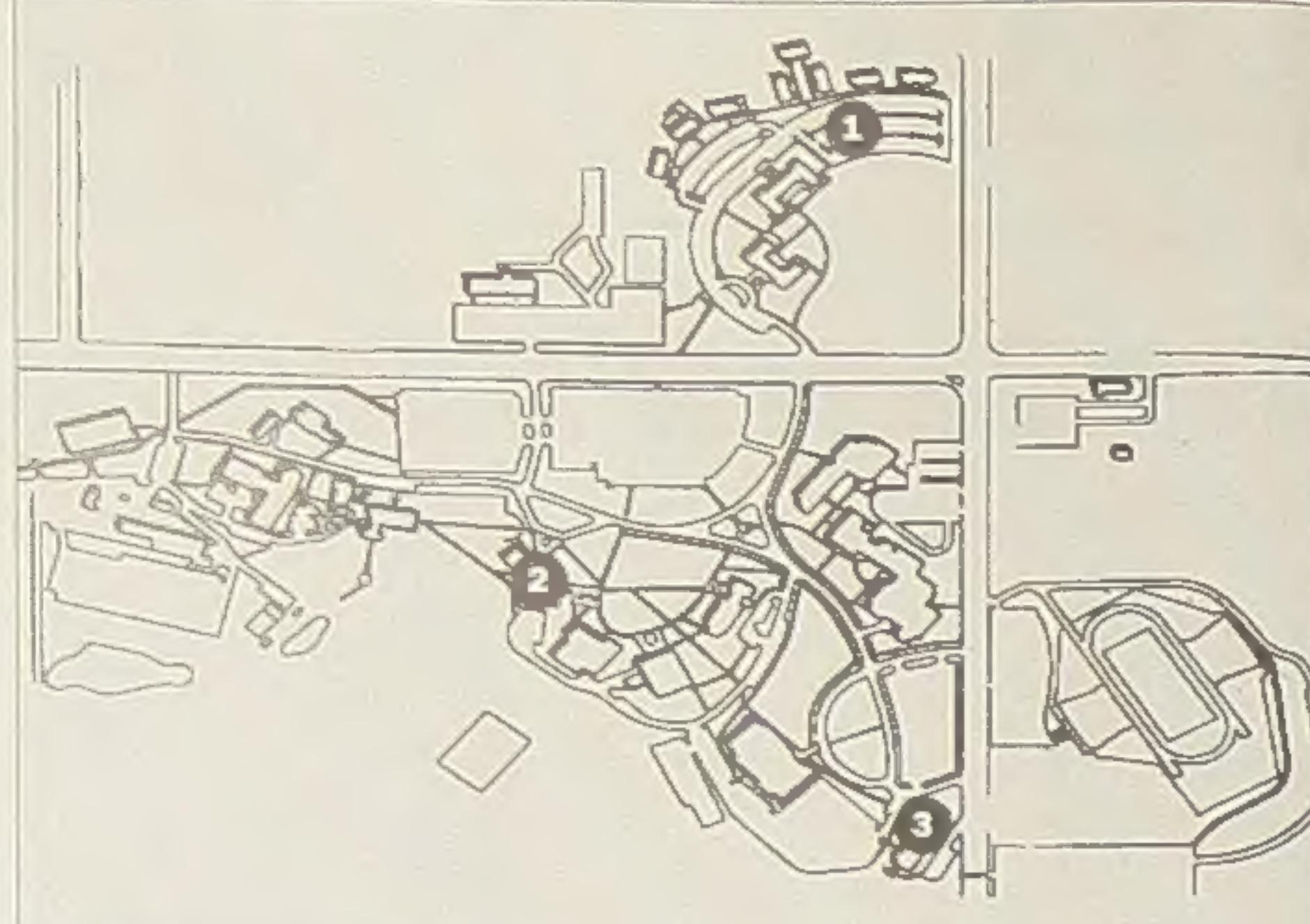
"We met with Gov. Mel Carnahan, Lt. Gov. Roger Wilson, and Marvin Singleton," said junior senator Gary Crites. "Singleton was our host. He took care of us and showed us around. He was very gracious."

"We discussed the arena, and he gave us some ideas in that area."

Tuesday, the group met with College President Julio Leon in Singleton's office and then headed to Carnahan's office for an audience with the governor.

After posing with Carnahan and Singleton for a group photo, the student senators heard the governor discuss the importance of student government. Carnahan reminisced about

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**SECURITY REPORT**

- 1** 02/27/96 LOT 23 1:45 a.m. Jeremy Crabtree, freshman undecided major, reported the high wind caused a trash dumpster to strike his 1991 Nissan, leaving a two-foot-long scrape and a 10-inch dent on the back left quarter panel.
- 2** 02/27/96 BSC 7:18 a.m. Campus security was called to the cafeteria in reference to an unconscious student and immediately notified the Joplin JEMS. When the officer arrived, the student was sitting in a chair, still unconscious. The Joplin Fire Department arrived approximately five minutes later and determined the student was suffering from diabetic shock. The ambulance service gave the student sugared orange juice, which revived him. He was transported to the hospital for observation.
- 3** 02/28/96 TAYLOR HALL 11 a.m. Amie Kellhofer, elementary education major, reported the theft of her dark blue denim duster. She said she hung the coat in a closet in room 247 while she was working in the Child Development Center that morning. All workers have access to the closet, and the coat was missing when she went to retrieve it later that morning.

## ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

**Block classes form bonds**By MICHAEL DAVISON  
ARTS EDITOR

**S**tudies have shown for most students the freshman year is the hardest. But after almost a semester and a half of the Freshman Year Project, that year might be a little easier.

"The freshman year is an impact learning year," said Dr. Elaine Freeman, director of special programs and retention tracking. "We asked ourselves 'What could we do to give the students a sense of belonging?'

In the project, the students form block classes and take three classes with the same people. In the fall, it was College Composition I, College Orientation, and Oral Communication. This semester they are taking College Composition II, one of the U.S. history classes or Government: U.S., State, and Local, and a fine arts class.

"We are hoping they will form study groups and form bonds that will lead to that sense of belonging," Freeman said.

"We try to give them (the freshmen) a reason to be here," she said. "We have a good start with Fresh Start, but it's not integrated."

Some of the orientation leaders from the fall semester have become mentors this semester. Amy Mayberry, senior psychology major and block mentor, said she thinks the program is succeeding.

"I've been talking to others, and they seem to like it," she said. "Eventually, it will help with grades because the mentors have

taken the classes and know what to do."

The Coordinating Board for Higher Education started the Funding For Results project, from which the Freshman Year Project sprouted. Freeman said the project was spearheaded by Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs, with the help of Dr. Delores Honey, director of assessment and institutional research, and Dr. Ree Simpkins, assistant professor of sociology. Freeman and Dr. Betsy Griffin, head of the psychology department, have developed the programs.

Preliminary data, coupled with student and faculty feedback, shows 94 percent of the block students are enrolled for the spring semester, compared to 83 percent of a control group. The control group consists of 125 freshmen enrolled in College Composition I during the fall 1995 semester. This group will be compared to the block students throughout their Southern careers.

Freshman English grades were higher in the block groups than in their control groups. For block students, the grades achieved in the three block classes were higher than their mean grade-point average.

"Retention is the by-product of good classes," Freeman said. "I feel we've attained the goals we set out for, a sense of belonging."

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These connections include not

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**Dr. Elaine Freeman**  
Director,  
special programs

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only making friends and forming study or support groups, but becoming more actively involved in class.

Duane Hunt, associate professor of theatre, said he went into his block class thinking it was an advanced class because it was so small. However, the students are similar to others he has taught in the past but are a little more lively.

"They are more willing to talk in class," he said. "They ask more questions both among themselves and with me. They really know each other."

Hunt said the class is more traditional in ages than his others.

Planning is already under way to blend traditional and non-traditional students in the 1996-97 academic year. □

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**Test** Thursday, April 25, 1996 - 12:20 p.m. - WH208

All out-of-state students who plan to graduate in May, 1996; July, 1996; or December, 1996 who have not taken U.S. Gov't or State and Local Gov't in a Missouri College should see Pat Martin, Room H-318 on or before April 16 to sign up to take the test.

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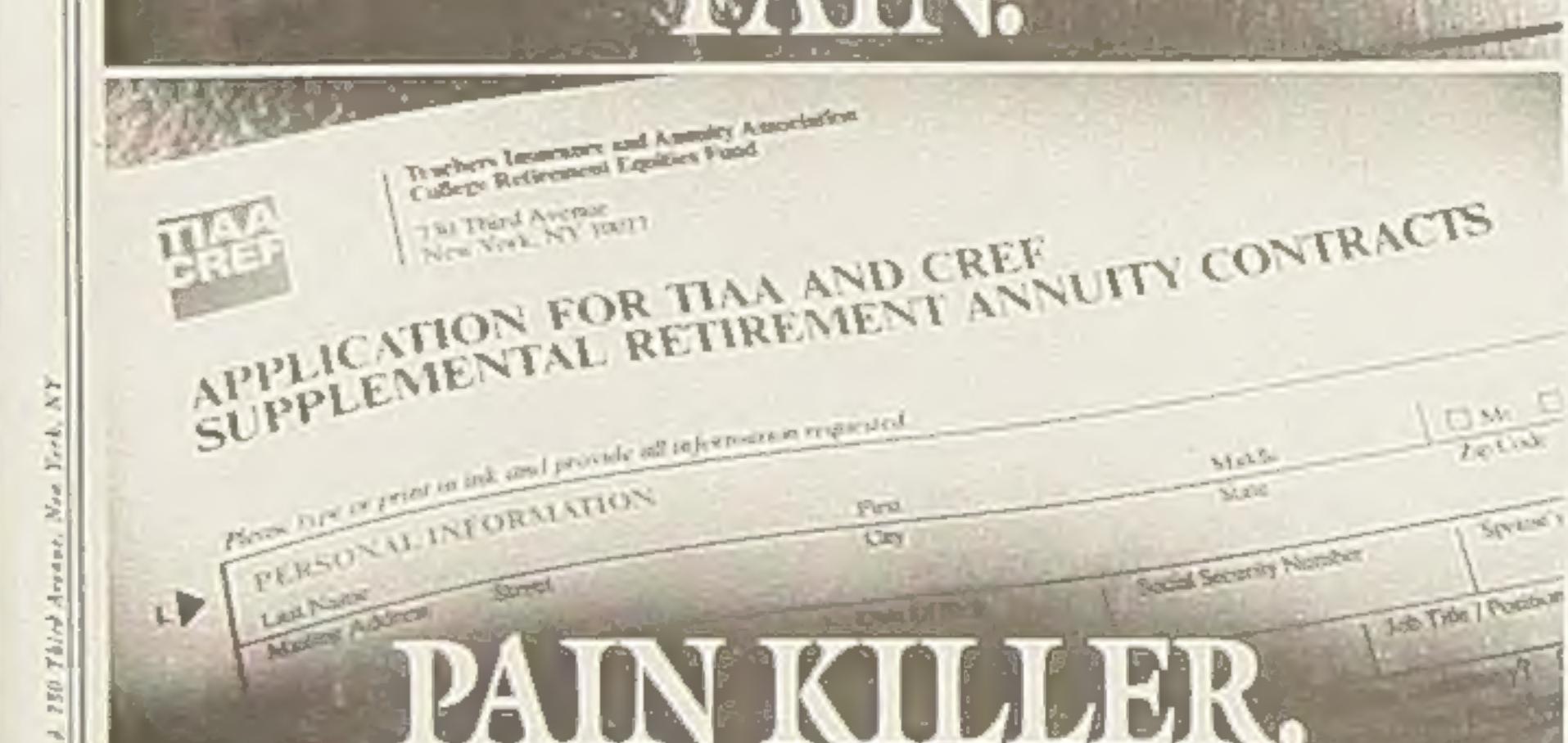
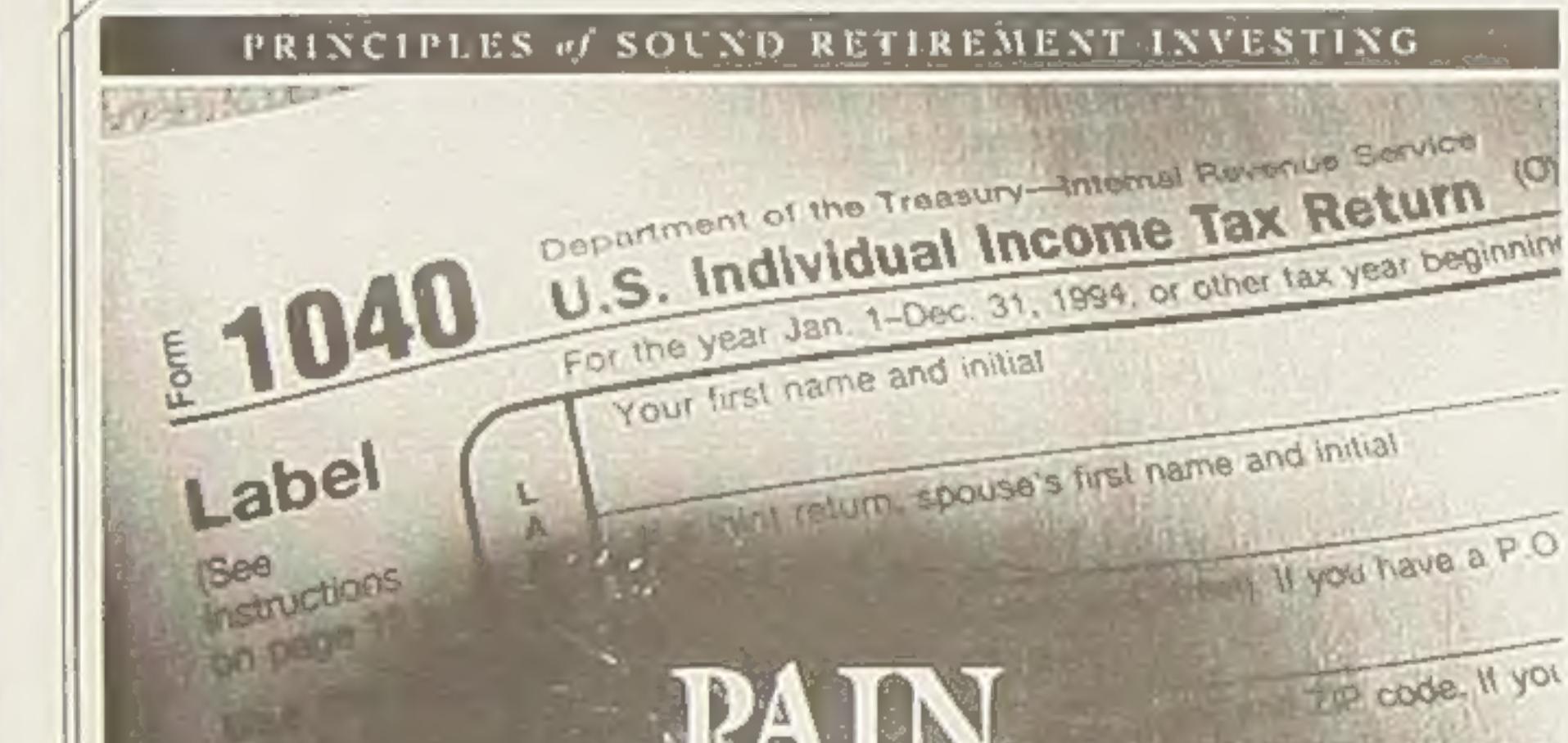
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# SECOND FRONT

Thursday, February 29, 1996

SOUTHERN CROSSROADS

## Leon: 'There has to be a happy medium'

### Senate to make recommendation

By GENIE UNDERNEHR  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Currently, the Student Senate is in the process of drafting a recommendation to hold a special election concerning the Southern Crossroads.

The purpose of the election is to ask the student body if it would like

to continue to fund the magazine, fund a yearbook, or fund nothing.

Doug Carnahan, dean of students, said the Senate can make only a recommendation—the decision is up to the administration.

"The administration approves all expenses, including the activity fees," Carnahan said.

"If they (the Senate) decide as a body to make a recommendation to return to a hard-bound yearbook, that's one of their options. The bottom line is, they may not even reach a consensus to do that."

College President Julio Leon said he welcomes input from the Senate.

"It's healthy for them to debate and discuss issues," he said. "They can make recommendations, but we have to weigh all the difficult factors just like we did when we made the initial decision."

The first few issues of *Crossroads* with the new magazine format contained photographs of students and organizations, but the magazine recently has focused on external issues.

"I think it's straying a little bit from the way it started, but I'm not dissatisfied with it," Leon said. "There has to be a happy medium. If those issues can be related to the College community, so much the better."

Richard Massa, head of the communications department, said the magazine's staff has determined the format and content.

"What has resulted [from the magazine] is the expression of students who have chosen to work on the publication," he said, "and who

have expressed an interest in interpreting their concept of a magazine as it reflects the abilities and interests of the College student body."

The Senate contends it doesn't want to censor the magazine's content, but instead claims the magazine has become too departmentalized and no longer focuses on the student body.

Senate President John Weeds

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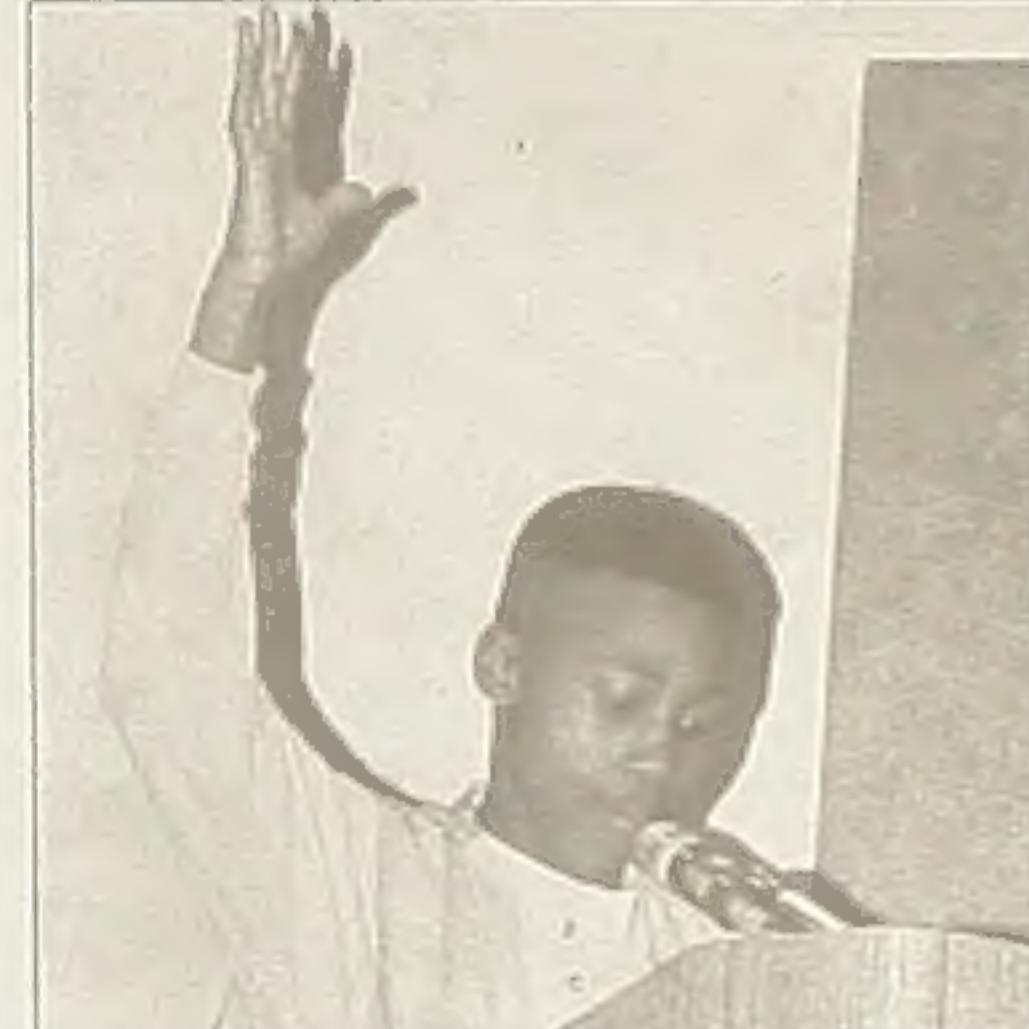
### LANGSTON HUGHES CELEBRATION



MICHAEL DAVISON/The Chart

Members of a local 11-member choir, Umoja, sing 'God Bless the Child' as part of the Langston Hughes Celebration held Friday in Webster Hall auditorium. More than 100 people attended the event.

## Followers honor author, poet



MICHAEL DAVISON/The Chart

David Neal reads a poem, 'Daybreak in Alabama,' at the Langston Hughes Celebration Friday in Webster Hall.

By MICHAEL DAVISON  
ARTS EDITOR

With a mixture of College administrators, faculty, community members, and children, the fourth annual Langston Hughes Celebration Friday night combined music and poetry with politics.

During his official proclamation of Feb. 23, 1996, as Langston Hughes Day in Joplin, City Councilman Jim West announced his plans for more tribute to the author.

"There's a tract of land on the northeast part of Joplin, where after the election, win or lose, I will see the mayor about forming a committee to erect a monument to Langston Hughes," he said. "And maybe next year we will hold this celebration there."

West alluded to improvements to the Community Service Center as an indication of what he can do.

"Go down there and see what we've done there," he said. "I will see that this project (the monument) is carried through—yes I will!"

Highlighting the program was the involvement of some of the younger members of the audience.

Abena Bradley, 16, was the mistress of ceremonies, a privilege she shared last year. She also read the poem "Bound No'th Blues."

Her sister Avanna, 15, read "Dream Variations."

David Neal received thunderous applause for his rendition of "Daybreak in Alabama."

The involvement of the children did not surprise Dr. Lucy Hayden, keynote speaker of the celebration and professor of English at Eastern Michigan University.

"He wrote for children as well as adults," she said. "He can be short and to the point, so you can read a poem and get the point, even children."

*Joplin has now come to recognize his importance and to recognize him*

Dr. Doris Walters  
English professor

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He was also widely liked by famous and unknown people, Hayden said.

"He was the favorite poet of [Supreme Court Justice] Thurgood Marshall," she said. "But he was also the favorite poet of a shy, 9-year-old girl living in Detroit."

"She read her favorite poem, 'Life is Like a Broken Bird That Cannot Die,' in front of the class just weeks before she died."

Hayden said in addition to being enjoyed by a wide variety of people, Hughes was versatile and prolific.

"He is the voice of the masses," she said. "James Baldwin wrote he died of fatigue, because he was always writing."

"He wrote so much in so many areas," said Dr. Doris Walters, professor of English at Missouri Southern. "He not only was a poet, but also wrote novels, essays, short stories, and plays and is known as the father of African-American children's literature."

A time once existed when Hughes was not as honored locally, Walters said.

"Joplin has now come to recognize his importance and to recognize him," she said. "Now we celebrate his birthday in his hometown."

The subject of Hayden's speech was the African-American folk tradition in Hughes' poetry, both sacred and secular.

"The African-American culture is based on an oral tradition," she said. "We are almost a nation of singers, dancers, and poets."

"Through his genius, he was able to show the reflections of the life of an African-American," Hayden said, "but not without laughter and music."

The program also included the music of Umoja, a 11-member choir, and Chandra Bryant.

### PHYSICAL PLANT

## Parking lot repair not yet completed

BY RYAN BRONSON  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

A mine shaft that collapsed in the main parking lot on Feb. 11 has been filled and the area could be ready for parking in two or three weeks, according to Bob Beeler, director of the physical plant.

Beeler said the College is waiting for the fill to completely settle before capping the sinkhole with concrete, which will take about seven days to set.

The physical plant has been dumping water into the hole to maximize "natural settling" before pouring the concrete.

"We filled the hole with some materials that we needed to fill it with, and due to the depth of the fill, it needed to be wet a time or two to allow for settling," Beeler said. "We were kind of hoping that Mother Nature would help us some, but she hasn't. We did go ahead and take a fire hose out the other day and applied some water, and [the fill] went down a foot or so."

"We'll do that another time or two and then put our concrete cap on it toward the end of next week."

Dwight Lunow, assistant director of the physical plant, is in charge of watching the sinkhole's progress.

"I'll let it settle for a while," Lunow said. "I'll watch it and keep an eye on it and force it to settle and put some water on it and wait some more."

Lunow said he put water in the

hole Friday and the fill dropped two feet, which is about normal."

The shaft, presumably filled in 1914, may have had some material in it that caused it to have voids, leading to a collapse.

"They may have dumped some timbers in the hole that may have caused some voids or pockets to be there," Beeler said, "and as the wood decays and whatnot it goes down. The repair method, however, that we're going to employ is similar to what we've done in the parking lot at the Justice Center. This will span the shaft hole, and we shouldn't notice it again."

Beeler said the cost of the project was less than the initial estimation.

"The fill material was under \$1,000, and we expect the concrete to be around that or under," Beeler said. "Not counting the College labor forces, just things that we pay for from the outside, it may be around \$2,500. It's going to be somewhat less than what we had figured when we began."

At the time of the incident, Beeler estimated a maximum of \$10,000 for the project.

Beeler said he is satisfied with the work done on the project by the College.

"I'm very proud of the physical plant and the security department protecting people and property (vehicles)," he said. "They did a fine job barricading the [sinkhole] quickly to avoid complications."

"I think it has gone as well as it could have gone."

### STUDENT SENATE

## Lee, Weeds begin plan to stage student vote

By KIKI COFFMAN  
STAFF WRITER

Members of the Student Senate believe they are on the road to finding a solution to the contentious issue of Southern Crossroads.

Dan Lee, senior senator, introduced a bill calling for a special election by the student body concerning the allocation of fees to the magazine.

The adoption of this proposal would ask Southern students to decide whether the \$5 student activity fee that currently helps fund *Crossroads* should be used to continue funding the magazine, to fund a yearbook-type publication, or be eliminated entirely.

"We needed to have something in writing," Lee said. "I don't know if it's exactly what we need, but we can amend it if we need to."

Sophomore senator Jason Talley was concerned about how much power the Senate holds in making this kind of decision.

"What power do we have at all?" Talley asked. "Can [College President Julio] Leon say it's nice you had an election, but it doesn't really matter?"

Doug Carnahan, Senate adviser, said Leon has that option. John Weeds, Senate president, said the student body's decision should wield its own power.

"If we take this to the students and

they vote for change, if Leon said it would look really bad on him," Weeds said.

Lee said the Senate can find gray areas to work with.

"We will find a more willing administration if we go through the student body," he said.

The *Crossroads* Reclamation Act will be open to discussion at next week's meeting, where the Senate will try to pin down a direct course of action.

In other business, the treasury balance sank to \$3,273.87 after the Senate passed allocations of \$750 to Omicron Delta Kappa and \$640 to Koinonia Campus Ministries.

Koinonia resubmitted its \$1,000 allocation request, and the Senate voted to suspend the rules and vote on the allocation on the first reading.

Senate ranks were divided during the lengthy discussion. A number of senators were concerned about funding a religious organization.

Chip Gubera, sophomore senator, disagreed with the allocation.

"I don't think we should fund this trip," Gubera said. "They are going down there with a bias already. I really don't think they are going down there to learn anything."

Gary Crites, junior senator, pushed for the allocation.

"I'm glad to see them get the \$640," he said. "The group deserved to get some money, and that's what I tried to support all along."

### SOUTHERN NEWS BRIEFS

#### Dr. G. Erin Ray awarded Excellence in Education

The late assistant professor of education at Missouri Southern, G. Erin Ray, has been awarded the Excellence in Education Award in honor of her memory.

Phi Delta Kappa, the international education fraternity, presented the award for Ray's dedication, leadership, service, and research in local, national, and international education.

Ray excelled as a visionary "master teacher" and mentor.

Her kindness, competence, and compassion will always be remembered by students, fellow educators, and friends.

She died in August 1994 at the age of 62.

#### Six-workshop series to continue to April 30

Anyone seriously considering investing in the stock market will be interested in an upcoming series of six workshops presented by Dr. Richard La Near, professor of business. La Near is holder of the J.R. Kuhn chair in finance at Missouri Southern.

The workshops, which begin March 26, are presented on Tuesdays from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. They will continue until April 30.

Topics include "How to Get Rich," "Understanding Interest Rates," "How to Analyze a Stock," "Highlights of Security Analysis and Investment Classes," and "Whether Goest the Stock Market."

The seminars, offered on a non-credit basis, replicate some of the "highlights" of La Near's regular "for credit" investment and security analysis courses.

Cost of the workshops is \$129 for the entire series, or \$29 per session. All of the sessions take place in Matthews Hall Room 204.

Advanced registration is required. For more information or to register, persons may call 625-3128.

#### CP&P office to host career workshop

The career planning and placement office will host a career planning workshop from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Thursday in the Billings Student Center.

The workshop will cover such topics as "Becoming Marketable in the New Economy," "Tools of the Job Search," and "Successful Interviewing."

The workshop is free and open to Missouri Southern students and the general public. For additional information, persons may call 625-9343.

#### Social Science Club welcomes participation

The next general meeting of the Social Science Club is at 12:15 p.m. Tuesday.

Members strongly encourage participation and attendance. Any non-members who are interested are welcome to attend.

The meeting will cover information about the club's upcoming banquet, History Day, and plans for a memorial plaque.

#### Southern's MDI to offer diverse workshops

Southern's Management Development Institute is offering several business, investment, and computer workshops during March.

On Tuesday, a workshop on simple contracts will be offered from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Matthews Hall Room 204.

Jeff Guillory will teach the seminar.

The workshop will cover basic requirements of a contract, types of contracts, and basic remedies for breach of contracts.

The cost is \$29.

# PUBLIC FORUM

Thursday, February 29, 1996

## EDITOR'S COLUMN

## Active life spices up daily grind

I'm from a small town where my father is the superintendent and my mother was a teacher. While I was growing up I always heard from the other kids, "It must be nice to have your father as the superintendent; you get to do anything you want," and "Teachers won't yell at you or give you bad grades because your dad could fire them."

This always infuriated me because, of course, it was far from the truth. I didn't get into trouble because I knew I would get it twice as much when I got home.

Once in elementary school a friend and I were chewing gum in class. We got caught, and I got in trouble.

During recess the teacher called my father down, and we all had a little "conference."

Later I asked why my friend didn't get in trouble, and the teacher's reply was, "I would expect that from her, but you are the superintendent's daughter. You should know better."

This set the tone for my entire school career. Some students would get attention by misbehaving. I got mine by excelling, along with my two sisters and brother. We all realized we would have to find our own little niches. We all strived to do our best in as many things as we could. So, it became a sort of competition with each other, but mostly with ourselves.

I am thankful for this competition, because it has molded me into what I am today. I am proud to say I have tried and been involved in many different activities in high school and college, all of which I have learned valuable lessons from. I feel confident I am a well-rounded individual who is anxious to learn and try new things.

I wish more people would get involved in at least something. Sometimes I hear so much complaining about how things are run around the College and even the country. But it seems those who complain are not willing to help or do anything about it. For me, nothing is more maddening than to hear complaints about something you have worked on, or worked for, when they have never tried it. I believe you never know how hard something is until you try it.

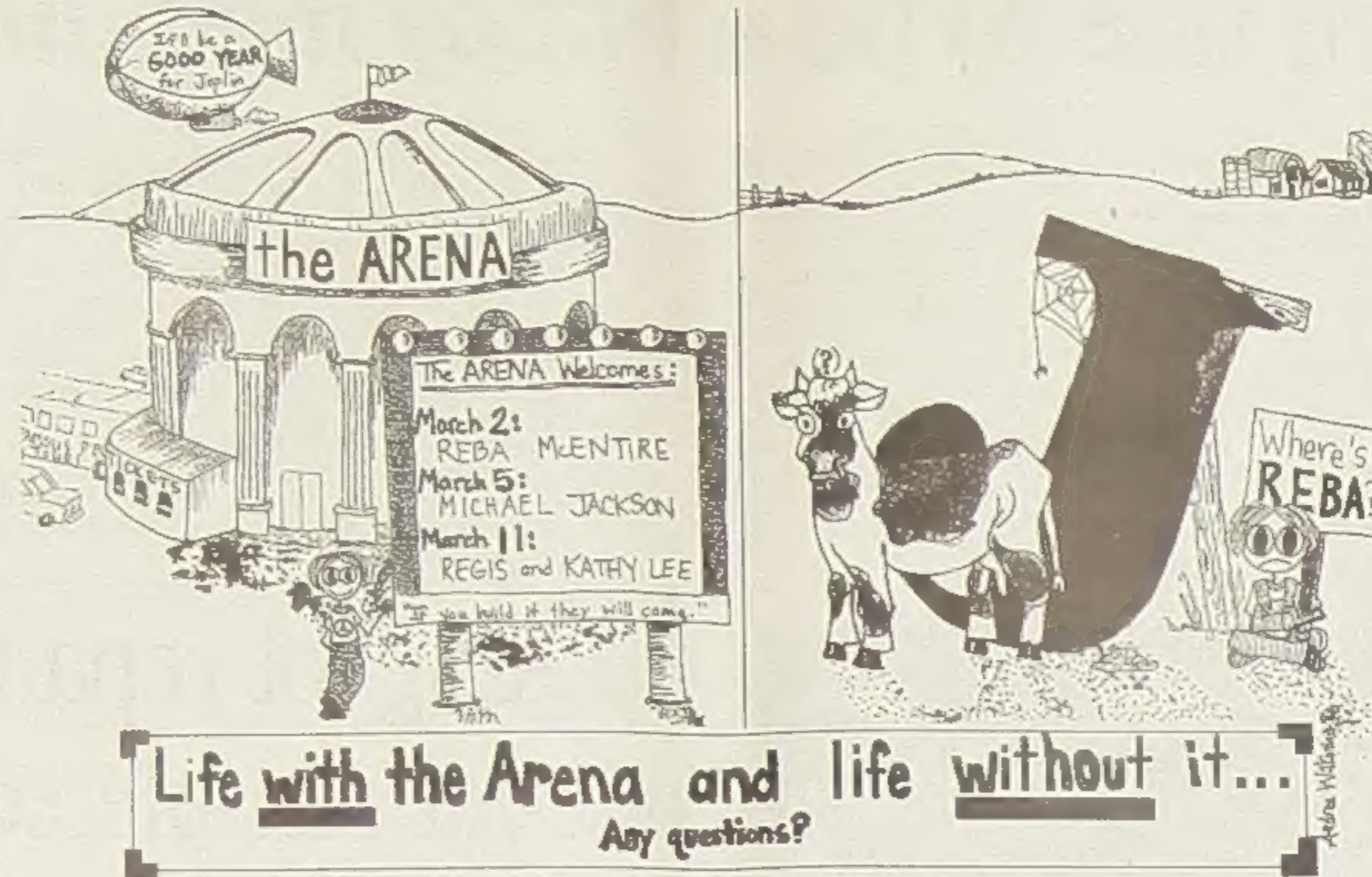
This motto is partly responsible for me joining *The Chart* staff. I knew they all worked hard and were dedicated, but I didn't know to what extent. This has been a big challenge for me. I wasn't really prepared for how much time and energy it takes to publish this paper every week. You never have time to rest; as soon as the paper goes out, you have to start on next week's issue. It has been difficult, but I am gaining experiences that I never would have had otherwise.

I can't imagine just going to school and working. I know these things are time consuming enough, but I also know that it is possible to do more. While maintaining a 3.6 grade-point average, I am the drum major for the Lion Pride Marching Band, student director of the Lion Pride Pep Band, student assistant in the Southern Theatre costume lab, member of Omicron Delta Kappa (national leadership honor society), and a member of Collegiate Music Educator's National Conference.

Some people say that I'm crazy and that I stress myself out too much, but when everything is finished I have the biggest feeling of accomplishment and pride. Knowing that you did it, that you made a difference, is some of the best food for the soul. □

Elizabeth Lovland  
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## OUR EDITORIAL

Unsigned editorials on this page express the opinions of a majority of *The Chart* editors. Observations elsewhere on the page represent independent viewpoints of columnists, cartoonists, and readers.

## Center: Great idea, but too much?

**F**ive days and counting. The Joplin Civic Center proposal is now in the firm grasps of Joplin's residents, who will decide whether the proposed facility will be a trademark for the city or remain a grassland of cross-country track.

Besides improving the College's athletic programs and bringing "big-name" acts to the four-state region, this center could improve life around the College itself.

Yes, Joplin is growing physically and economically, but this growth is spreading in the opposite direction, away from the College.

The Joplin Civic Center would bring residents and tourism in the direction of Newman and Duquesne roads—to the College. And the more people who see Missouri Southern, the more they will be informed about the institution.

But why does Joplin need a 9,000-seat civic center? The city's largest entertainment promoter, Al Zar, said large acts like Garth Brooks and Hootie and the Blowfish won't come to Joplin. So who will?

Sure, Joplin could have a brand-new entertainment center, but who or what will fill it? The answer lies with entertainers who perform at Memorial Hall.

Has the College expected too much by asking for a 9,000-seat venue? Southwest Missouri State University's Hammons Center seats only 8,800. Perhaps Southern should have drawn a half-way point, settling for a new, less-expensive 6,000-seat center instead of trying to hit a home run with a full count.

Southern and Joplin need a new facility, but the decision for growth will come only from one group—the voters. □

## YOUR LETTERS

*The Chart* welcomes letters from readers. Letters must be signed and include a phone number for verification. Letters should be 300 words or fewer. Submit letters to *The Chart* office on the third floor of Webster Hall, fax them to (417) 625-9742, or send via E-mail. Our E-mail address: [The.Chart@aol.com](mailto:The.Chart@aol.com). Letters are due by noon Monday for publication in that week's edition.

## 'Beer gut' quip was stereotyped, offensive

**A**s a department, we would like to respond in a portion of an editor's column which appeared in *The Chart* on 2-22-96. More specifically, one may recall reading the following: "I, for one, would have paid much more attention in driver's ed had the teacher been someone like Bob Bondurant...as opposed to a physical education teacher with a beer gut. Talk about lack of credibility." (bold face ours)

We find the remarks stereotyped and offensive. Admittedly, our discipline is traditionally maligned, and is in a constant struggle to prove its worthiness in academia. However, strides have been made by this department to improve physical education's image, merits, and integrity.

Do we (physical education) lack credibility when:

- The College's core curriculum committee makes two of our courses (HPER 101 and HPER 103) required for all MSSC students?
- The department of education requires

HPER 311, HPER 340, and HPER 370 for all elementary education majors?

- The nursing department requires majors to complete HPER 385 and receive a B.S.N.?

- The Missouri department of elementary and secondary education grants our physical education program approval until September 2000?

- The honors program asks us to teach a course exclusively for honors students?

- One of our faculty (Warren Turner) receives the Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching?

- Six of our faculty receive academic promotion in the past four years?

- Our courses (HPER 103, 340, and 385) are televised to the surrounding communities?

- Faculty present papers at regional, national, and international conventions?

- An alumna is named sports planning manager of the Atlanta Committee for the 1996 Olympic Games?

- We serve over 300 MSSC faculty, staff, and friends through our health fair?

- Faculty write curricula for state agencies?

Moreover, many of the department's faculty are nationally and internationally recognized for their efforts in intercollegiate athletics. Finally, our internship in athletic training is well respected in the community and region for the quality of sports medicine professionals that we produce.

Sadly, the stereotype of a physical educator with a "beer gut" and as one who "lacks credibility" is pervasive. However, we would urge the readers to appreciate our efforts in producing well prepared, enthusiastic, and proud physical educators. The aforementioned generalizations are not ubiquitous in our discipline.

Dr. J. Dirk Nelson

Head, department of physical education  
(writing on behalf of the entire faculty  
and staff in the department)

## Bever: This is college, not a job-training school!

**O**nce again, Student Senate is doing their job. They are not "playing" with student activity fees.

Ms. Steele, do you really think this would be an issue if it was only the efforts of one student?

John Weeden may be "crusading" against *Southern Crossroads*, but he isn't alone.

I started college the fall of 1993 and I still have the same enthusiasm about MSSC I started with. The only thing I regret is that I won't be leaving Southern with a memory-bound yearbook.

Instead, I have copies of *Crossroads* magazine that has nothing to do with Missouri Southern specifically.

Why is this? Because either the

*Crossroads* staff decided they couldn't do it and quit or they do not want to do it because it is not in their future job. Toughen up and face those obstacles. And besides, does it hurt to step outside of your job range to benefit other students?

To those who said, "Forget what you're paying for..." I ask why are you here? Obviously you have forgotten what you're paying for.

At MSSC, we have to take classes outside of our majors to prepare us and make us well-rounded students.

If you wanted to work only on a magazine, you should work as an apprentice for a magazine company. This is college, not a job-training school!

Student Senate is not out to destroy the magazine, but we would like to see improvements in the content of the magazine.

As to the matter of Koinonia, it was the decision of a simple majority.

If you have any other questions, come to the Senate meetings. They are every Wednesday night at 5:30 p.m.

Please come and see why we do the things we do!

Jill Bever  
Student senator,  
junior criminal justice major

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## IN PERSPECTIVE

## What else could I ask for in life?

I was born in Seoul, Korea, on March 21, 1975, and was adopted at the age of 9 months.

I have been continually blessed in my life time and time again, but I would have to agree that the biggest blessing is my parents and the rest of my family.

As an infant, I was abandoned and placed in Holt, the adoption agency in Korea.

During all this, my parents had been getting papers signed to finalize an adoption of another Korean baby girl. That little girl died, and my parents were crushed.

Then later, they found out about me.

In everything there is a purpose.

All things, good or bad, happen for a reason, and we are usually just too impatient to understand or wait.

All my life, while growing up, I've always heard, "Don't you ever want to meet your real parents?"

I always answer, "What do you mean, my real parents?"

My real parents have been there to kiss my scrapes when I was a child, picked me up when I've fallen, and lifted my spirits when I've been down.

They have been there for my birthdays, my high school graduation, proms, and the day I left for college.

But most important, they have raised me in a church atmosphere.

They have made me aware of how important it is to have God in your life.

I realize that I might not even be here if God hadn't always been with me.

Yes, I would maybe like to meet my biological parents, but only to see who I look like and know my medical family history.

But is it top priority? No, not by any means.

I am thankful to my biological mother for giving me life and for giving me up for adoption where my fate was met with such a loving, caring family.

I remember when I was younger, I was always considered one of the minorities in school.

But I was just like the rest of the kids, maybe even more American than them.

Some things children never forget.

I remember being asked in first grade by a classmate if I could speak Chinese.

I answered something like, "What's that?"

As a child I felt "weird" sometimes being around Asian people because sometimes I felt like I had to act a certain way or speak a certain way.

As I got older, I discovered that was totally untrue, but as a small child what do you expect?

It seems kind of funny now.

People always seem to be amazed at my energy or hyperness.

I like to get people to laugh and to see them smile.

I get all my energy and strength from God, and he is also who I give all my credit to in life.

I have a kind and loving family, a gracious church family, and awesome friends whom I love all dearly.

All these are life's blessings from God. What more can I ask for? □

# Senate president proposes solution

For the past two years, your Student Senate has been concerned with *Crossroads* and its publication. It has always been our stance to compromise: to do what is best for both the students and the educational desires of the communications department. It is time to clear up a few misconceptions about what has transpired.

**Misconception:** Schools in Missouri are moving to a magazine format.

**Fact:** Only two of the 12 other four-year schools in Missouri have an exclusively magazine format, neither of which is paid for by student activity fees.

**Misconception:** Student organizations at Southern aren't interested in campus life.

**Fact:** At the student organizational meetings this year, 60-plus of the recognized 70 student organizations attended.

**Misconception:** Students at Southern expect and want a magazine.

**Fact:** In 1986, in a special election, the student body voted that a \$5-per-semester-per-full-time student fee be allocated to fund a YEARBOOK.

**Fact:** Every catalog since INCLUDING the one myself, Ms. Steele, and most of the student body fall under states specifically that the student activity fee is to go to *CROSSROADS: THE YEARBOOK*.

**Fact:** It is only the most recent catalog which reflects the change. A change which came without

the approval of the students who pay for it.

**Misconception:** A one man crusade (ME!) is being led to demolish all good things... uh, I mean the *Crossroads* forever.

**Fact:** The Student Senate, made up of 40 members from virtually every major, age, and nationality on campus, is concerned that \$37,000 per year (\$7,500 per issue and \$16,000 for "incidentals and equipment") is being used to fund a departmental practicum, not what it was intended for.

**Fact:** Without so much as consulting the student body, the administration took a fee you voted for and perverted its use to their own interests.

**Fact:** Your Student Senate isn't the "SS" and I am not Hitler; we are simply trying to represent what we perceive to be the students' interests. But, perhaps we are too "short sighted" and cannot see the "big picture."

**Solution:** The student body is truly at a crossroads, and it is time to let them decide. If a compromise cannot be reached, despite the efforts of the Senate, then take the issue to the people. Call the *Crossroads* by pressing "0" on any campus extension or put it on the ballot. Let the students declare once and for all: 1) Yearbook; 2) Magazine; 3) Nothing at all.

John Weeden  
Student Senate president

## 'Crossroads' content issue has many options

Vicki Steele's rhetoric regarding Student Senate President John Weeden and "confused senators" was more emotional than fact.

Weeden was not the lone student disappointed with the *Crossroads* publication. Senators represented the voice of the student body in a forum where such issues are brought to attention. The issue was not to censor the *Crossroads* magazine, but rather an attempt to align the magazine with its intended purpose and meet the needs of students.

Steele attempted to defend her argument by quoting the college handbook. Unfortunately, she left out several key interpretations. According to the 1995-1996 College Handbook, (p. 67-68), the following Communication class-

es—Comm 220, 233, 312, and 330—define their coursework as yearbook, not a magazine. Page 12 does specify that student fees support various aspects of campus life, including publications, but it does not specifically designate *Crossroads* as the recipient of the \$33,000 budget from these fees.

If *Crossroads* is intended to be an avenue of learning for students, why not turn the publication into a MIDS class whereby marketing and accounting majors also gain from the experience?

Instead of being subsidized by students, the magazine could purchase single-copy racks, charge for the publication, and raise revenue through advertising and subscription rates.

Another option would be to produce a scientific

undergraduate journal instead. Graduate schools are more likely to accept students who have been published, so many science majors and their future careers would benefit. This would be a form of student publication and would be more in line with campus activities since it presented the research conducted by students attending Southern.

According to Steele, the next publication of *Crossroads* will concern sex and politics. In the real world, we would be able to cancel our subscription and receive a \$10 refund.

Lisa M. Ross  
Student senator,  
junior psychology major

## CAPITOL: Student senators gain experience

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his early legislative days as a state representative.

"I was very puzzled when I first got here," he admitted.

Carnahan told the senators it was their responsibility to "bring order out of the chaos."

He gave the group examples of how difficult the lawmaking process can be and told them about his plans to cut the state's sales tax.

He discussed how his plan was meeting opposition and also told

them about the speed limit problems in the General Assembly.

"The students get to see firsthand how a simple idea can get bogged down," Leon said.

"It always comes down to a compromise."

Leon said the trip is essential for students who want to go into politics or even learn about the political process.

"They're able to see the real thing," he said.

The opportunity to visit with the governor and lieutenant governor is invaluable for them."

Critics agreed the trip was a valuable experience.

"It was interesting," he said. "I learned a lot of things, but I think we need to have more background information to have a better idea of what to ask them."

"I felt it was a good trip," he said, "and the Senate should continue to go each year. It was a valuable experience."

Last year, the Senate was scheduled to meet with Carnahan, but the governor became unavailable. □

## BELK: Facility benefits city

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He said the lack of adequate physical education facilities arose when the College switched to a core curriculum in the late 1980s. The College requires each student to take at least three hours of physical education.

"Where could we get all the necessary teaching stations for all of these students [who have to take physical education]?" he asked. "We (Southern) have the poorest physical education facilities of any college or university in the entire state."

"Our facilities are not equal to half of the high schools in this area. We do not have facilities that even approached what they had at the [Joplin] Family Y or the Olympic Fitness Center."

Belk said if the proposal fails March 5, the College and its students would pay the price because they would have to settle for an inadequate physical educa-

tion facility for at least 10 more years.

"We have four very fine, efficient gentlemen in the General Assembly, but the members of the assembly from St. Louis or Kansas City don't even know southwest Missouri exists," he said.

"We no longer have a Sen. [Richard] Webster or a Robert Ellis Young [for whom the College's gymnasium is named] to champion this type of thing for us."

"So, the state is just not going to build a center down here for us."

Because this is the first time Belk has allowed campaign signs on his property, he has received some good-humored teasing from local friends.

"I remind them that I have never felt this strongly for something like this before," he said. "This is our one chance, and we have to make it go." □

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a great thing for our community so let's ask the taxpayers to pay for it, somehow it gets twisted by these proponents that we are really bad folks because we don't agree with the promoters of the tax increase," he said.

According to Gray, who owns the Gray and Associates advertisement and public relations firm in Kansas City, STOP Now! is an avenue for residents opposed to the Joplin Civic Center.

"What we do, STOP Now!, is help the local people in the community to use our group as a vehicle to get their messages out," he said. "So they don't have to go through forming a campaign committee like what is being used for the Proposition J campaign."

Gray said he thinks Joplin residents believe they are currently



SPENCER BECK/Char

Jason Schultz, sophomore undecided major, jumps over a tire Monday evening while rollerblading in a residence hall parking lot.

# \$5 fee should not pay for education

Few issues spawn debate like the argument about *Crossroads* last week. Apparently, Student Senate, the evil big brother, wants to disband the wonderful *Crossroads* magazine and deny approximately 20 students the right to work on a magazine while in college.

It seems that a large part of the controversy over *Crossroads* dealt with its funding. It is true that a portion of each full-time student's activity fee for the semester goes to pay for the *Crossroads*. Since this splendid magazine serves the entire population, and we know the students read the *Crossroads* and love most of the articles in it, the staff of the *Crossroads* should have the right to use your activity fees to pay for their education.

Even in the unlikely event that most of the students at Southern found the *Crossroads* pathetic, the staff of the *Crossroads* should be able to publish a magazine and not a hard-back annual, as advocated by Student Senate.

Since most of the staff of the *Crossroads* wants to work with some aspect of magazine publication when they get big, it would be silly for

them to work on a hard-back yearbook just because that is what the student body wants.

Heaven forbid a student's money go to pay for something he will look back on with nostalgia and joy!

What do students here at Southern really want? It seems like the decision has already been made.

Either all students love and cherish the *Crossroads* and want it to stay in a magazine format, or they agree with Student Senate and feel *Crossroads* should return to a hard-back annual. The fact is, most of the students have not had the opportunity to voice their opinions.

Why not put it up to a vote with three options? Yes, I like the magazine; no, I want a hard-back; and the ever-popular apathetic, I don't want either. If the vote decides to keep either format, that's great, the students have spoken. If the students choose they no longer want a "yearbook," then some other use for every full-time student's activity fee should be found, instead of wasting it on the unwanted *Crossroads*.

Zak Kuhlmann  
Student senator,  
sophomore biology major

## Senate only 'acting' on student concerns

Hello. This is another note (which I'm sure this page is filled with) about the current *Crossroads* issue.

First of all, the Student Senate is in a "fact-finding" stage where a CONCERN is being looked into. The concern that has been brought to my attention, as well as to the other senators, by members of the student body is about why we do not get an annual, or yearbook, if you will.

Of course, there have been several folks that have jumped to many conclusions, from censoring the *Crossroads* magazine (which was a comment made by one senator, and a comment that I would not agree with) to eliminating the funds that the *Crossroads* magazine gets from the student body (again, another extreme comment that does not represent the sole purpose of the Student Senate's concern in this issue).

In investigating this concern, the Student Senate president found a copy of a ballot that had passed in '86 or '87 by the student body to raise their student activity fee by \$5 to support the annual.

Now, that has upset several people for the reason that they feel that the student body today is not getting an annual, but instead a magazine which does not include group photos of student organizations, individual photos, etc. Another criticism is that John Weeden is on a solo mission to exterminate the *Crossroads* magazine. Not true. Several members of the Student Senate are acting in

the concern of the student body. I feel that this is true because several of the senators have taken informal polls in their classes to ask the students if they were happy with the magazine, or if they would prefer an annual. I asked a class of 75 students if they were happy with the magazine, or would they prefer an annual. Only one person raised their hand to indicate being happy with the magazine.

The concern of the *Crossroads* staff is that the magazine is something that prepares them for the future employment, and that I say BUENO! Man, that's great, and I'm glad that the College is able to provide the staff with some "real world" experience. But a service (an annual) is also wanted by the students who paid the extra \$5 a semester. Is the magazine what they want?

These are the issues that we are dealing with in Senate. So what do we do? I don't know just yet if there is a real way to compromise or even change anything. I do know that some digits have been stepped on, and some senators have tried to strike fear into the pens of the *Crossroads* staff.

Please remember that this is about the Student Senate acting on the concerns placed before them by members of the student body. That, I feel, is our responsibility.

Grant R. Miller  
Student senator,  
junior education major

## STOP NOW!: Residents have right to know

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paying enough in overall taxes without considering an increase to build a 9,000-seat arena.

"Over the last 10 years, the growth in the state and local taxes has been phenomenal," he said. "In fact, local and state taxes, according to the Tax Foundation, are what has caused the biggest increase."

Whenever a new tax is proposed, Gray said taxpayers have the right to know every ounce of information concerning the consequences and advantages that tax will inflict on the community.

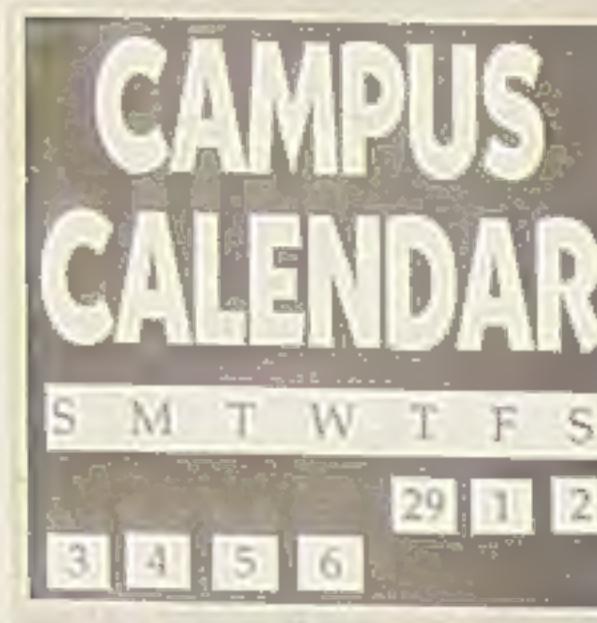
"We feel the taxpayers deserved to have this issue, whatever it may be, analyzed and scrutinized and the facts about that issue presented to the public," he said.

Al Zar, co-owner of the Joplin-based Zar Entertainment Group, said even if Joplin would build a new entertainment facility, "big-name" acts like Garth Brooks would not come to the city.

"Dr. Julio Leon [College president] was quoted as saying, 'Questions about the arena's operating cost, rental fees, staffing, and number of bookings to break even can't be answered until after March 5,'" Zar said. "You have been working on it since 1992. Any good businessman knows what it is going to cost to operate your business and what you have to do to break even."

Randall Hargis, director of sales for the Joplin Holiday Inn, said as far as conventions and tourism, the radio and TV advertisements telling residents how a new center would bring millions of new dollars to the city are full of misconceptions.

"I am trying to figure out where this is going to come from because if it is I am going to find it before they build an arena," Hargis said. □

**Today 29**

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.—Koinonia Campus Ministries, basement of Stegge Hall.  
Noon to 1 p.m.—Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship, Billingsly Student Center, Room 311.  
2 p.m.—National Broadcasting Society AeRHO meeting, MSTV Studio.  
5:30-8:30 p.m.—Career Planning Workshops, presented by Career Planning and Placement, Billingsly Student Center, 2nd floor student lounge. For more information call Mike at 625-9343.  
7:30 p.m.—Camelot, Taylor Performing Arts Center.

**Friday 1**

Noon—Psychology Club/Psi Chi meeting, Taylor Education & Psychology, Room 123.  
Noon to 1 p.m.—Brown Bag Lunch, Billingsly Student Center, Room 310.  
7:30 p.m.—Camelot, Taylor Performing Arts Center.

**Saturday 2**

7:30 p.m.—Camelot, Taylor Performing Arts Center.

**Sunday 3**

9:30 a.m.—BSU Bible Studies, Baptist Student Union.

**Monday 4**

7 p.m.—BSU Bible Studies, Baptist Student Union.

**Tuesday 5**

11 a.m.—Newman Club, Catholic organization meeting, Billingsly Student Center, Room 306.  
Noon—Latter Day Saints Student Association meeting, Billingsly Student Center, Room 313.  
Noon—College Republicans meeting, Billingsly Student Center, Room 311.  
2:25 p.m.—Young Democrats meeting, Billingsly Student Center, Room 306.  
2:20 p.m.—Arab League Meeting, Webster Hall, Room 212.

**Wednesday 6**

4 p.m.—Phi Eta Sigma Meeting, Billingsly Student Center, Room 306.  
5:30 p.m.—Student Senate meeting, Billingsly Student Center, Room 310.

**Thursday 7**

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**Attention Clubs**  
If you have an upcoming event you would like publicized in *The Chart* call Elizabeth at 625-9311.

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# AROUND CAMPUS

Thursday, February 29, 1996

**FORENSICS**

## Debate team captures state crown

**Smart, Jones beat Webster, close final round with 2nd**

By RICK ROGERS  
MANAGING EDITOR

**T**aking first place was not enough for Missouri Southern's debate team at the Missouri American Forensics Association competition Saturday at Webster University in St. Louis. The squad also took second place. Southern competed against nine squads from the state, including Southeast Missouri State University, Northeast Missouri State University, Webster University, and the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

With its topic of the United States' foreign policy with Mexico, the team of seniors Eric Disharry and Jason Newton took first place at the competition with a 4-0 showing in the preliminary rounds. Disharry and Newton then defeated Webster University 3-0 in the semifinals, capturing the first-place title.

Southern's second team of freshmen Stuart Smart and Craig Jones finished 3-1 in the preliminary rounds, losing only to Webster University in the first round.

Eric Marlow, debate team coach, said in the semifinal round Smart and Jones had an opportunity to face off with Webster one last time.

"They hit that same team in the semifinal rounds," Marlow said. "And they beat them with a 2-1 decision, so they got to get a little bit of revenge."

"So our squads closed the final rounds and we captured first and second place."

Besides the overall squad awards, three Southern debaters picked up personal honors.

Disharry was awarded the top speaker honor, while Smart placed second and Newton ranked third among the competition's top five speakers.

"I think this is the first time Missouri Southern has ever won a state championship," Marlow said. "We are real happy at that."

"I've heard studies done that the average debater's research for a semester is comparable to a master's thesis, and we have been doing the same topic for two semesters."

The debate team will take its state title to the district championships this weekend, where it will battle squads from Kansas, Oklahoma, and Missouri. □

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Eric Marlow  
Debate coach

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**STUDENT HEALTH**

## SHOT looks to enhance wellness

By RUSTY WELLS  
STAFF WRITER

**O**ne organization at Missouri Southern, the Student Health Outreach Team (SHOT), has a main purpose to look out for students' well-being.

Its latest effort was to put juices in the campus vending machines.

"We are looking at the health and wellness needs of students," said Julia Foster, College nurse and SHOT adviser.

The organization saw a need for juices on campus, so it contacted the Pepsi distributors and secured them. SHOT tries to benefit students in other areas as well. It will sponsor a self-defense seminar Tuesday, March 26.

This event is open to all students and anyone interested in the seminar," Foster said. "Mr. Dwayne Doran from Joplin Taekwondo will speak and then give a lesson on self-defense."

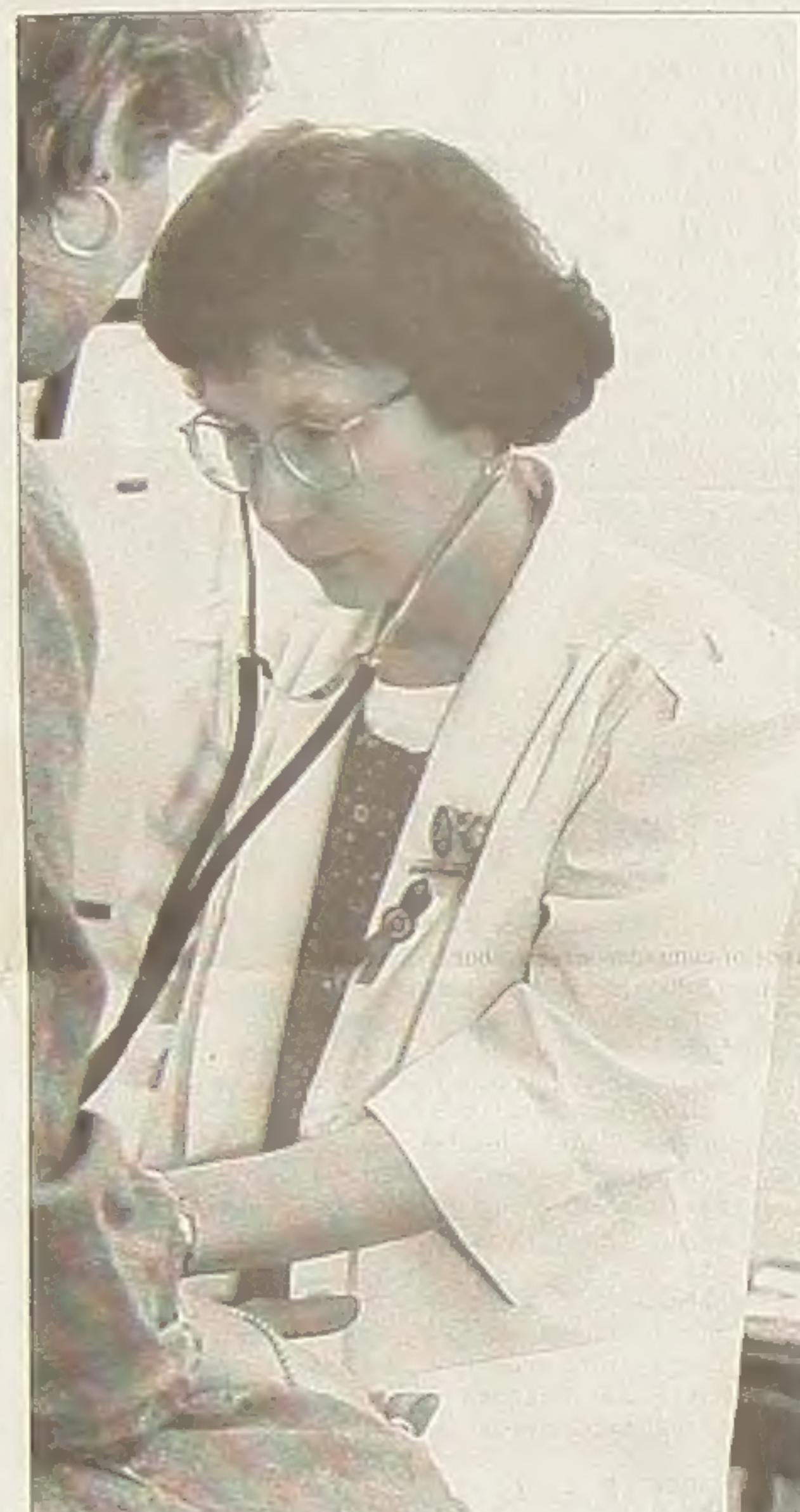
The seminar, which costs \$1 for students and \$2 for non-students, will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Billingsly Student Center Connor Ballroom.

The organization is involved with many other student-oriented activities as well. In March, SHOT will have a nutrition bulletin board in the BSC which will include fat-free recipes.

Last semester, SHOT organized a Gift of Life Day, with the intention of raising awareness for the need for blood donors.

Foster said SHOT is open to any student interested in becoming a member.

"We are looking for new members now," she said. "If anyone is interested in joining, they may contact me or our president, Margie Hill." □



SPENCER BECK/The Chart

Part of Julia Foster's on-campus duties include providing free health care for students in need at the College's Health Center in Kuhn Hall.

She also hopes to add another nurse to the staff to cover evening classes.

Currently, Foster is working on her master's degree in nursing from the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

She is two semesters away from

her goal and looks forward to the extra responsibilities she will be able to take on. She will be certified to write prescriptions and perform advanced nursing skills.

"It is something I've always wanted to do," Foster said. □

**STUDENT NURSES' ASSOCIATION**

## Bloodmobile attracts 56 willing donors, collects 49 pints

**Numbers down more than half from last semester**

By SPENCER BECK  
STAFF WRITER

**V**ampires are not the only ones who take blood. On Monday, the Red Cross bloodmobile, sponsored by the Student Nurses' Association, visited Missouri Southern to take blood from students and faculty.

"It's a way to give someone an opportunity to live," said Leisa Blanchard, former Student Nurses' Association president. "It's a way to give of yourself."

The event took place in the Keystone Room of Billingsly Student Center between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Fifty-six people attempted to give blood, with the bloodmobile collecting 49 pints of usable blood. T-shirts were awarded to all who attempted to give blood. □



SPENCER BECK/The Chart

Jean Phillips, LPN from the Red Cross, takes blood from Susan Craig, director of orientation, at the blood drive Monday in the BSC Keystone Room. Craig, who donates regularly, said donating is a 'force of habit.'

# Gang seminar to focus on techniques

By ALICE CARLSON  
STAFF WRITER

**A**dvanced gang investigation is the topic of a seminar scheduled Friday in Matthews Hall auditorium, presented by the criminal justice department.

Participants in the seminar will learn investigative strategies and techniques in the areas of narcotics violations, firearms violations, and conspiracies.

The Chicago-based gang influence in the Midwest will be a major

focus," said Dr. Blake Wolf, head of the criminal justice department.

Dr. Jack Spurlin, dean of the school of technology, said participants will learn "how to identify and stop gang violence, how to nip it in the bud, or, if it is too late for that, then slow it down."

"In the Springfield area they (police officers) are having trouble with a group from Chicago called 'gang disciples,'" Wolf said. "They are also having problems in the Kansas City area with gangs coming from Chicago."

The presenters will discuss

Midwestern hybrid gangs, regional intelligence, and officer safety considerations when dealing with gang activity.

Leading the seminar will be Sgt. Tom McMahon, a 22-year veteran of the Chicago Police Department. McMahon has spent the last 18 years in the gang crimes and gang investigations sections of the CPD.

McMahon was named 1995 police officer of the year by the Illinois Security Chief's Association for his efforts in gang awareness. McMahon has been qualified as an expert on Chicago street gangs in

both state and federal courts. He is currently an instructor at the National Law Enforcement Institute.

Sgt. David Starbuck, a 19-year veteran with the Kansas City Police Department, will be working with McMahon.

He is supervisor of his department's gang unit, which investigates gang-related crimes, ranging from narcotics offenses to drive-by shootings. Starbuck's unit gathers intelligence and maintains data on gang members and affiliates in the Kansas City metropolitan area.

This seminar is a follow-up on a seminar given last year titled "Street Gangs: Recognition and Intervention."

"The focus of that seminar was gang violence in Los Angeles and the Midwest and basic gang investigation techniques," Wolf said. "Last year's was the biggest seminar ever with 260 people. We had several requests to repeat it or do something similar."

Spurlin said seven seminars are scheduled for this semester, but usually there are only four or five per semester. □

## WEEKEND COLLEGE

## Students save time

By LESLIE ROBERTS  
EDUCATION EDITOR

**S**tudents looking for a way to speed their way through to a degree have another avenue through Missouri Southern's weekend classes.

"There's a general trend, I think, toward students wanting to finish their college careers as quickly as they possibly can," said Brad Kleindl, assistant professor of business.

Kleindl is currently teaching a weekend class, and said he has learned from it.

"This class was developed as a regular class first, so it was really just a matter of trying to prepare," he said. "You have to balance out, ideally, the lectures with the activities. After lecturing for four or five hours, your mind's about ready to go. It works well for classes that have multiple ways of learning as opposed to the lecture format."

Dr. Elizabeth Rozell, assistant professor of business, is also teaching a weekend class and has learned from the challenges the format presents.

"You have to try to fit a whole semester course in four weekends, and that is not an easy feat," she said. "I've had to reschedule tests, change lectures, and change assignments."

Rozell is planning to teach a weekend strategic management class next fall, but she says that it seems more suited to the format.

"I think it's probably more suited because there's a lot of group activities, and a computer simulation game that we play," she said.

Kleindl believes more classes will be offered in this format.

"I think instructors need to carefully consider whether or not what they teach and the way they teach it can fit on that schedule," he said. "For some classes I think it will work, but it may not work for others."

Rozell has heard good things and bad things about the format.

"The good things are that you finish a course in four weeks," she said. "The negative side of it is that it goes so quickly." □

## ACADEMIC AFFAIRS



*Going to professional meetings, writing, and continuing to keep yourself on the cutting edge of your field is very important.*

Dr. Virginia Laas  
Assistant professor of history

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*Research is not a means of self-aggrandizement, but a way of regaining freshness, a way of catching up on scholarship, a way of connecting with the big world out there.*



Dr. Elliott Denniston  
Professor of English

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## 3 faculty members to take sabbaticals

By AILEEN GRONEWOLD  
STAFF WRITER

**L**ike children on their way to Disney World, three Missouri Southern faculty anticipate sabbaticals next fall. And though two of them will do extensive traveling, it doesn't take long to see that a sabbatical is a far cry from a vacation.

Instead of grading papers, these instructors will be writing them. Their plans include long hours of research followed by long hours in front of computer screens, but they couldn't be more delighted.

"I am surprised and excited," said Dr. Virginia Laas, assistant professor of history. "You do all the preparation, come up with this great plan, and then they say, 'OK, do it,' and the burden comes down. Then you have to produce!"

Laas, who has taught full-time at the College since 1988, will be working on several projects during the summer and fall. Two of those center around the history of a local woman.

"I am going to do research on an autobiography of Emily Newell Blair," Laas said. "She was a Carthage woman who was active in the suffrage movement and became vice chairman of the Democratic National Committee in 1922. She wrote an autobiography in the late 1930s, and I am editing it."

"By the time I do all the research, I'll be well down the road to having enough material to write a biography as well."

Laas' research will take her to Washington, D.C. and the University of Virginia to study manuscripts such as correspondence between Blair and the Roosevelts.

In addition, Laas is revising a finished manuscript of her own for publication as well as contributing a chapter to a volume on Civil War marriages.

"When you're doing this kind of work, it gives you more credibility with students when you're teaching them how to write or how to do research," she said. "I can hold up one of my own drafts, covered with red ink, and say,

*It not only gives you more material to deliver to the students, but a different set of attitudes.*

Dr. Arthur Saltzman  
Professor of English

doing most of his writing on campus. When he isn't writing, he looks forward to reading.

"Ironically, one of the things you are robbed of as a full-time teacher is leisure reading," he said. "I have to read in order to have something to write about."

Dr. Elliott Denniston, professor of English, will do more writing than reading to prompt his pen. Denniston, whose sabbatical includes both fall and spring semesters, plans to travel extensively to watch Shakespeare performances for his research. The subject of his writing will be determined by what plays he sees and what aspect of the research most impresses him.

"I may examine the nature of Shakespeare productions in the '90s, but I can well imagine narrowing it to a single production, a single play, or a single style of production," he said. "It will depend in part on what the theaters choose to perform this summer."

Denniston will do part of his research in England.

"The Shakespeare Center in Stratford, England, has a marvelous collection of materials of all the royal Shakespeare Company productions," he said. "They've got photographs, reviews, costumes, and even the director's prompt copy, which is the script with the director's notes in the margins."

Denniston recalled an earlier summer he spent at a Shakespeare institute.

"It improved my Shakespeare class that fall immensely, and it has had an impact on all my Shakespeare classes since," he said. "So I know this will have an impact on all my teaching."

Denniston, in his 22nd year at Missouri Southern, believes strongly in the importance of professional development.

"This kind of work can and does feed back into our teaching," he said. "We can become stale in our teaching; it's a danger if you teach the same courses over and over."

"Research is not a means of self-aggrandizement, but a way of regaining freshness, a way of catching up on scholarship, and a way of connecting with the big world out there. It's very hard to do without a focused block of time." □

## SOCIAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

## Noted historian to speak on suffrage, education

By LESLIE ROBERTS  
EDUCATION EDITOR

**A** noted historian is coming to Missouri Southern for two lectures, both to be held in Webster Hall auditorium.

Dr. Anne Firor Scott, W.K. Boyd professor of history emerita at Duke University, will be making her first appearance at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. She will also speak at 11 a.m. Wednesday.

The Tuesday night lecture is done in conjunction with Phi Alpha Theta, which is the history honor society, said Dr. Virginia Laas, assistant professor of history at Southern.

Tuesday evening's lecture will deal with women's suffrage, while Wednesday's talk will have more general interest.

"We hope to have a good crowd there Wednesday," Laas said. "That talk is not directed particularly toward historians or social scientists, but, I think, is going to be more about what we're about in trying for a college education, about what becoming an educated person means."

Scott has published several texts about women's history.

"She is an outstanding woman," Laas said. "She is really a pioneer in the field of women's history. When she published her first book, *The Southern Lady*, there really wasn't a legitimate field of women's history."

"She's a wonderful historian and a great speaker, too," Laas said.

Both of the lectures are free and open to the public. □

## HIGHER EDUCATION BRIEFS

### Dan Quayle to speak at Show Me Center

**D**an Quayle, former U.S. vice president, will speak at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the Show Me Center at Southeast Missouri State University.

Sponsors are the College Republicans, Student Government, Student Activities Council, KZIM, and Young America's Foundation. Student Government has allocated \$10,000 of the \$25,000 cost, with the Student Activities Council providing \$8,000.

"Student Government is really excited to help make this event possible," said Student Government President Chris Robertson. "It's an honor to have a former national leader visit our campus."

Tickets are free to students. For the public, tickets are \$5 for general seating and are available through the Show Me Center box office.

Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas is slated to speak at the Show Me Center sometime in late April. □

### Academic calendars approved at Northwest

**C**alendars for the 1996-97 and 1997-98 academic years at Northwest Missouri State University have been approved by the board of regents.

The calendars are somewhat different from what faculty, staff, and students are used to. Each year will contain between 168-170 class days combined in the fall and spring semesters, with each including two days at the beginning of each semester for academic departmental planning and development. These days will be devoted for faculty to work on major quality improvement initiatives.

One of the major changes students will see are different semester starting dates, a later spring break, and a more traditional week-long finals week.

The 1996 fall semester will open with classes on Monday, Aug. 26. Prior to the opening of classes, faculty meetings and departmental planning/development are scheduled for Aug. 21-23.

Spring break will begin on Monday, March 24, 1997, three weeks later in the semester than the current academic year.

The academic calendars were developed by the university calendar committee, chaired by Dr. Merry McDonald, professor of computer science/information systems. The committee received input and surveyed the opinions of faculty, staff, and students before developing the calendar. □

### University of Tulsa holds 5th conference

Pulitzer Prize-winning author Arthur Schlesinger Jr. will be among 15 speakers at The University of Tulsa's fifth international conference March 13-16, which will focus on conflict among the world's major religions and ethnic groups.

Schlesinger's lecture is one of three evening talks that will be free and open to the public. While the cost for the general public to attend the full conference is \$95, faculty and students from regional schools and universities may attend for half price with advance registration.

Schlesinger's keynote speech, "How Nations Hold Together," will be delivered at 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 13 in the Great Hall of the Allee Chapman Activity Center. Schlesinger received the 1966 Pulitzer Prize for his *A Thousand Days: John F. Kennedy in the White House*.

Maxim Boyko, chief executive of the Russian Privatization Center and deputy chair of the Russian Federation commission on economic reform, will present the second public lecture at 8 p.m. Thursday, March 14 in the Great Hall.

For more information, persons should contact Ivana O'Brien at the TU division of continuing education at (918) 631-2937. □

## The Front Page

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## ARTS &amp; ENTERTAINMENT

Thursday, February 29, 1996

## OPENING NIGHT REVIEW

**'Camelot' lives up to promise**By AILEEN GRONEWOLD  
STAFF WRITER

**K**udos to the cast and crew of *Camelot!* Outstanding acting, unforgettable music, and lavish pageantry made the premier merger of Southern's music and theatre departments a two-thumbs-up success.

The Lerner and Loewe musical combines the leadership talents of Dr. Jay Fields, director of Southern Theatre, and Gerrie-Ellen Johnston, part-time theatre instructor, with those of Bud Clark, choral director.

For a story that has been told and retold as many times as the tale of Camelot, the standard litmus test of how well a performance conforms to the original text pales in importance. The playwright, out of deference to those few who remember the original text, makes an oblique apology to Mallory and Tennyson for introducing us to an insecure Arthur, hiding in a tree.

A much greater leap, however, appears in the character of Lancelot, who combines the arrogance of Gaston (conceit personified in Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*) with the supernatural power over death usually reserved for Jesus Christ. That one threw me for awhile. Expecting a few variations will allow spectators to relax and enjoy the timeless theme of the story.

In a seamless production like

this one, it's almost a shame to pick apart the various elements for fear of ruining the whole.

The performances of the actors may be most crucial, but how good would they be without costumes, lighting, music, and set? All those supporting elements deserve high praise in this performance, but the elaborate set was most impressive. Creating Camelot, a land where even the climate is ordained by decree, where rain must never fall before sundown and fog must disappear by 8 a.m., is no small task!

A sterling performance by Robert Moore delivered the necessary life and dignity to the character of Arthur. What Guenevere (Kelly Musick) and Lancelot (Cory Gasparich) may have slightly lacked in stage presence was quickly forgotten every time they opened their mouths to sing.

Jeff Reeves, junior English major, was convincing as the eccentric Pellinore, and the whiney voice of Matt Morris, junior theatre major, made Mordred fully repulsive.

The three-hour performance could have been trimmed by eliminating the only scene that caused me to look at my watch. The second scene of Act II, where Arthur and Guenevere wonder what simple folk do to chase away the blues, was an unnecessary departure from the rising action of the play.

Congratulations to everyone who had a part in reminding us that "once there was a spot called Camelot." □



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

ABOVE: Arthur (left), played by Robert Moore; Lancelot, played by Cory Gasparich; and Guenevere, played by Kelly Musick are involved in a royal love triangle that will lead to the downfall of the knights of the round table in Southern Theatre's *Camelot*.

(Right) Matt Morris, junior theatre major, portrays the evil Mordred, the bastard son of Arthur. The musical will continue to run at 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday at Taylor Auditorium.



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

## STONE'S THROW DINNER THEATRE

**Veteran actors join forces as 'lover and lovee'****Bell, Roehling star in play**By MICHAEL DAVISON  
ARTS EDITOR

**P**roving one is never too old to fall in love, two acting veterans will star opposite each other in Stone's Throw Theatre's next performance.

Betty Bell and Dr. William Roehling portray Annie Dankworth and Manley Carstairs in James Prideaux's *The Housekeeper* March 7-9 and March 15-17.

"The two stars of the show have played opposite one another so many times that it's a perfect match," said Henry Heckert, resident director of Stone's Throw and director of this show.

"*Housekeeper* is funny, even hilarious, and Betty and Bill are great as scrapping lover and lovee."

The two actors were last romantically involved in *On Golden Pond* but now play "America's best known shoplifter" Annie and the "stuffy poet and critic" Manley.

"Prideaux has written some very funny, very witty dialogue to accompany the many upbeat scenes," Heckert said. "These scenes prove even more sparkling, even more crazy and off the wall with Betty and Bill as seniors discovering true love for the first time in their character's lives."

"I think the laughs will come easily for our patrons," he said, "especially with the two most popular actors at Stone's Throw leaping into love at the drop of a shopping cart."

This will be the fourth production of a Prideaux play at the dinner theatre.

"I directed *The Last of Mrs. Lincoln* a number of years ago," Heckert said.

"More recently, Dr. Roehling has directed *Mixed Couples* and *The Orphans*.

"We have found his plays first-rate, very

appealing to our audiences. *Housekeeper* is no exception."

March 7-9 and March 15-16 performances will have a dinner time of 6:30 p.m. and a curtain time of 7:30 p.m..

The Sunday matinee will be on March 17, with a dinner time of 1 p.m. and a 2 p.m. curtain.

The menu features pit smoked ham, cole slaw, scalloped potatoes, green beans with mushrooms, bread with butter, fudge cake with melba sauce, and coffee and tea. Additional beverages are available for an extra charge.

Ticket prices are \$12.50 for those age 15 and under, \$14.40 for patrons age 55 and older, and \$15.50 for all others.

With seating limited to 70, reservations are required and patrons are asked to reserve early. The box office hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays.

For reservations and other information, persons may call (417) 358-9665. □

## SOUTHERN TRIO

**Elliott, Jardon, Liu to perform chamber music in Webster**

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Dr. Kexi Liu, violin; William Elliott, cello; and Gloria Jardon, piano; also known as Southern Trio, will perform three piano trios at 7:30 p.m. March 7.

**Auditorium caters to proper setting for piano trios**By KATE WALTERS  
STAFF WRITER

**S**trings, piano, and faculty will create a classical concert featuring three different pieces at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 7.

The piano trios they will play are *Trio in C major*, Franz Haydn; *Phantasie in C minor*, Frank Bride; and *Trio in D minor opus 32*, Anton Arensky.

"We try to select works representative of various times in the history of music," said William Elliott, professor of music and member of the trio.

The pieces, which vary in length from about 14 to 35 minutes, are contrasting styles.

The concert, to be held in Webster Hall auditorium, will have a relatively close atmosphere as is traditional for this type of music.

"Chamber music began as an intimate performance for a small audience often done in

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We try to do what we feel the composer wanted. We discover that together. It's a lot of fun.

**William Elliott**  
Professor of Music

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er. It's a lot of fun."

He says it is always exciting for members to perform live music because they must anticipate what the other people in the group are about to do.

Jardon and Elliott are original members of the group, which has been in existence for 11 years.

Liu has been playing with the group since he came to Southern in 1991.

Liu says the group tries to pick out the pieces it likes to play and those that represent a variety of styles.

"I welcome anyone to come to our concert and have a good evening of good music," Liu said. □

## SPIVA ANNUAL

**Contest to reveal winners**By KEVIN COLEMAN  
ASSISTANT ARTS EDITOR

**A**rists from nine states are waiting to hear who won the 46th Spiva Annual.

David Turner, a show juror from the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center, was given the responsibility of selecting 64 of the 454 prints, paintings, and sculptures entered in the contest. The works were submitted by 128 artists from Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa, Tennessee, Kentucky, Nebraska, and Missouri.

In the first part of the competition, the artwork is photographed and slides are sent to the juror. Last week, Turner was at Spiva looking at the original pieces for the final judging.

"I can't release the names of the winners at this time," said Darlene Brown, director of Spiva Center for the Arts. "I can say first and second place will be shared and combined."

First place in the competitive is worth \$1,000, second place is \$500, and the three third places are \$150.

Three honorable mentions will also be announced.

A local artist, Bill Rainey, won first place three years ago at the 43rd Annual. He has entered again this year.

Brown said the competitive was not limited to professional artists. Students and "Sunday painters" may also enter.

"I'm not a professional artist," she Brown said.

"I don't sell my work, like Jon Fowler (professor of art), whose work is on display here now, but I like to paint and I could enter a competitive."

Brown said the Spiva Center saw a good cross section of work entered this year, including paintings, jewelry, sculpture, and even design furniture.

"It's a good exhibit for seeing what kind of work is being done currently," she said.

Work of the eight finalists will be on display at the Spiva Center March 8 to April 21.

A price list will be posted for any of the works that are for sale.

Spiva Center for the Arts is located at 222 W. Third St. Admission is free.

For more information, persons may call 623-0183. □

**On Campus**

**Southern Theatre**  
417-625-3900  
Now-March 1-2—*Camelot*.  
April 20-21—*Peter and the Wolf*.  
Matthews Hall auditorium  
March 12—*Casque d'Or*.  
(Golden Mane).  
March 26—I Am A Camera.  
April 9—*Fragment of an Empire*.  
**Spiva Art Gallery**  
Now-March 15—*Alumni Art Show* featuring pastel landscapes by Gary G. Warren and Kimberly Kissel Leffen's portraits and figure works.  
**Phinney Recital Hall**  
March 10—String Festival.  
**Taylor Auditorium**  
March 13-16—Madrigal Dinner.  
April 4—Jazz Band Concert.  
Webster Hall auditorium  
March 7—Southern Trio.  
March 23—District Piano Music Festival.  
March 26—Robert Harris, Piano Recital.  
March 31—Joplin Piano Teachers, Student Recital.  
April 3—Senior Recital, Jerry Sharp.

**Joplin**

**The Grind**  
781-7999  
Tuesday nights—Open Mike Night.  
March 1—Blue Cheese.  
March 8—Michelle Deniston.  
March 9—Fugue.  
March 15—Crave.  
March 16—GlitterSkin.  
March 22—Distractions.  
March 23—Vaginal Discharge and Mike Hoerman.  
March 29—Tryptich.  
**The Java House**  
659-8500  
March 1—Solace.  
March 9—Water Deep.  
March 15—Open Mike Night.  
March 22—Bob Collins.  
**Bypass**  
624-9095  
Every Wednesday is Alternative Wednesday.  
March 1-2—*A Picture Made*.  
March 8—Walking on Einstein.  
March 15—Oreo Blue.  
March 16—King Friday.  
March 23—Live Comedy Night.  
March 29—Barton, Blake & Sweeney.  
**Champs**  
782-4944  
March 1-2—Solace.  
March 15-16—Joe Giles.  
March 22-23—Rhythm Station.  
**Kristy's (in the Holiday Inn)**  
782-0000  
March 3—Seers for Arts.  
March 8-9—Untamed Heart.  
March 10—Pope Steve.  
March 15-16—Slick Alibi.  
March 17—Walking on Einstein.  
March 31—36 Engines.  
**George A. Spiva Center for the Arts**  
623-0183  
Now-March 1—Missouri Arts Council's Visual Artists Biennial including works by Dawn Marie Guernsey of St. Louis, Zhi Lin of Springfield, and Christopher Ketchie of Kansas City.  
March 8-April 20—46th Spiva Annual.  
Now-March 1—Artwork of Jon Fowler in the Regional Focus Gallery.  
March 5-29—Artwork of Robert Schwieger in the Regional Focus Gallery.

**Carthage**

Stone's Throw Dinner Theatre  
417-358-9665

March 7-9, 15-17—*The Housekeeper*.

**Springfield**

Hammons Student Center  
(417) 836-7678

March 29—DC Talk.

Juanita K. Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts

1-800-404-3133

March 9—La Traviata.

March 14—The Cassidys.

**Kansas City**

Kemper Arena  
816-274-9000

March 21—Bob Seger.

March 30—Rod Stewart.

March 31—Michael W. Smith.

April 2—AC/DC with the Poor.



## Film delivers thrilling punch

**Jackie Chan movie fills void of plot, acting, dubbing with fight scenes, stunts**

**H**aving the inability to avoid bias (rare for a journalist), Jackie Chan is the most exciting action hero on the face of the planet—and he proves it once again in *Rumble in the Bronx*.

Despite a lack of plot effectiveness and quality acting and a multitude of dubbed English, *Rumble* keeps its viewers perfectly satisfied.

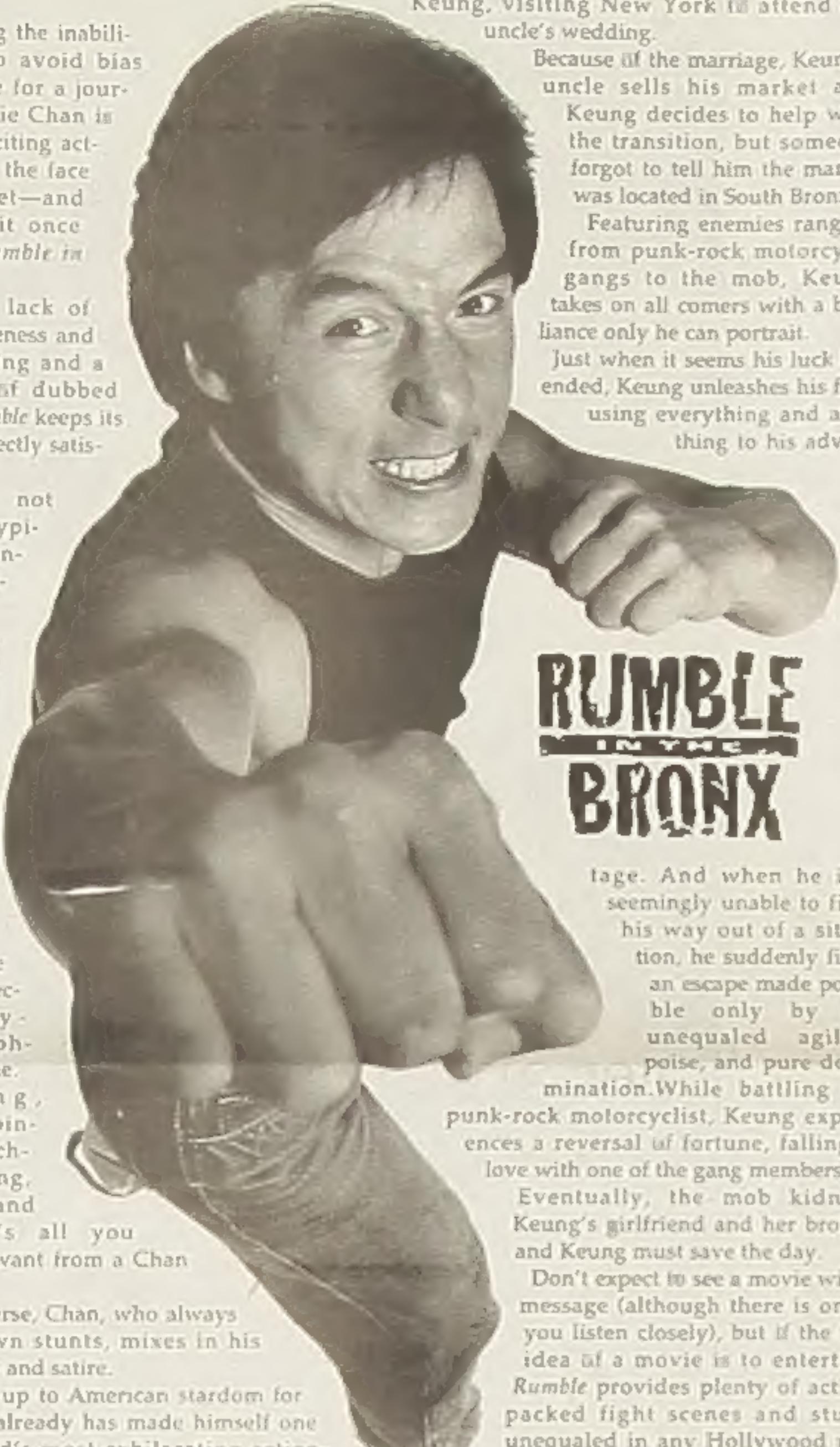
It does not exude the typical American-movie suspense.

Instead, *Rumble* gives its viewer a more humanistic suspense—the anticipation of the next unbelievable stunt or spectacularly choreographed fight scene.

Jumping, falling, spinning, punching, kicking, climbing, and kissing—it's all you could ever want from a Chan flick.

And of course, Chan, who always does his own stunts, mixes in his usual humor and satire.

It all adds up to American stardom for Chan, who already has made himself one of the world's most exhilarating action-movie figures.



### RUMBLE IN THE BRONX

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tage. And when he is seemingly unable to fight his way out of a situation, he suddenly finds an escape made possible only by his unequalled agility, poise, and pure determination. While battling the punk-rock motorcyclist, Keung experiences a reversal of fortune, falling in love with one of the gang members.

Eventually, the mob kidnaps Keung's girlfriend and her brother and Keung must save the day.

Don't expect to see a movie with a message (although there is one if you listen closely), but if the true idea of a movie is to entertain, *Rumble* provides plenty of action-packed fight scenes and stunts unequaled in any Hollywood production. □

America best knows Chan for his athletically-comic scenes in *Cannonball Run*, but *Rumble* could make Chan, originally from Hong Kong, more of a household name for American moviegoers.

In *Rumble*, Chan plays a Hong Kong cop, Keung, visiting New York to attend his uncle's wedding.

Because of the marriage, Keung's uncle sells his market and Keung decides to help with the transition, but someone forgot to tell him the market was located in South Bronx.

Featuring enemies ranging from punk-rock motorcycle gangs to the mob, Keung takes on all comers with a brilliance only he can portray.

Just when it seems his luck has ended, Keung unleashes his fury using everything and anything to his advantage.

### SOUTHERN THEATRE



Jeff Bauer, visiting set designer for *Camelot*, paints the round table as he puts finishing touches on the set.

## DESIGNING: A life in theatre appears simple, but it will test your organization.

By MICHAEL DAVISON  
ARTS EDITOR

If theatre majors think their lives are stressful, Jeff Bauer, visiting set designer for *Camelot*, would tell them to expect more of the same when they graduate.

"It doesn't get any easier," said the free-lance designer and part-time instructor at DePaul University. "Trying to make a living in theatre is a true test of your organizational skills."

"You do work for free until your first professional job," Bauer said.

"I was lucky and had people come up to me after my first design asking me to work."

For Bauer, a theatre season of working from September to June might equate in designing costumes, sets, or both for 10-12 shows.

"It all comes at once," he said. "I had three shows in December, two of which opened the same night."

In order to keep up with the demand for his services, Bauer hires assistants to do some of the work.

"They might do some draft work or pull fabric swatches," he said. "For this show, Crista [Waggoner, senior theatre major and Bauer's assistant] is my saving grace. She has really kept on top of things and helps keep everything going smoothly."

Bauer's first role in the theatre was as an actor at age 11. He was originally a music major before becoming a theatre major with a music minor at Jacksonville State

University. He is currently, besides designing the set of *Camelot*, working on a show which opens Wednesday in Chicago, another which opens on March 13, a new show for May, costumes for an opera, and the set of Stephen Sondheim's *Passion*.

Despite his current work load, he believes the "wealth of union work" he enjoyed when he first started is beginning to thin out.

"With the state-of-the-art equipment," Bauer said, "it's harder for the young theatre worker to get work."

The money is not there as before," he said. "I am designing some shows right now with the same budget I had 10 years ago."

A designer's approach is different now that there isn't as much money, Bauer said.

"You have to solve the problems creatively," he said. "You just can't throw money at it like you used to."

"It's like a car," Bauer said, "a \$5,000 beater will get you to the same place that a \$40,000 car will. It's just getting to that place that's important."

Bauer attended graduate school at Northwestern University with Anne Jaros, assistant professor of theatre and costume designer for *Camelot*, who thought of him when looking for a visiting scene designer.

"We knew we had a huge set," she said.

"We knew we would need everybody we can to work in other capacities, instead of designing."

Jaros said the department is trying to develop a visiting artist program. Last spring Dr. Alex Pinkston, professor of theatre at Davidson College, directed *Twelfth Night*.

"Our students need to work with people from the real world," she said.

"I said 'Wouldn't it be great if we could do this,' and it worked."

Since his arrival, Bauer has been helping construct the set. He also conducted a set painting technique class on Feb. 18.

"I'm having a good time, and working with the students here has been great," he said.

"They (the students) are willing to pitch in and are not afraid to tell you they don't know how to do something and want you to show them how," he said.

For Bauer, the sense of community working toward a common goal is what he enjoys in theatre.

"You are working as a group to entertain, to enlighten, and to stir the imagination," he said.

It is also exciting for him because it is a temporary art form.

"It's not like a picture hanging in a museum," Bauer said. "It's there for the moment the audience is experiencing it, then it's gone."

Then once the run of the show is over, nothing is left to show the performance existed.

"That whole assembling of people to perform this just disappears," he said.

"And it just becomes like a residue." □

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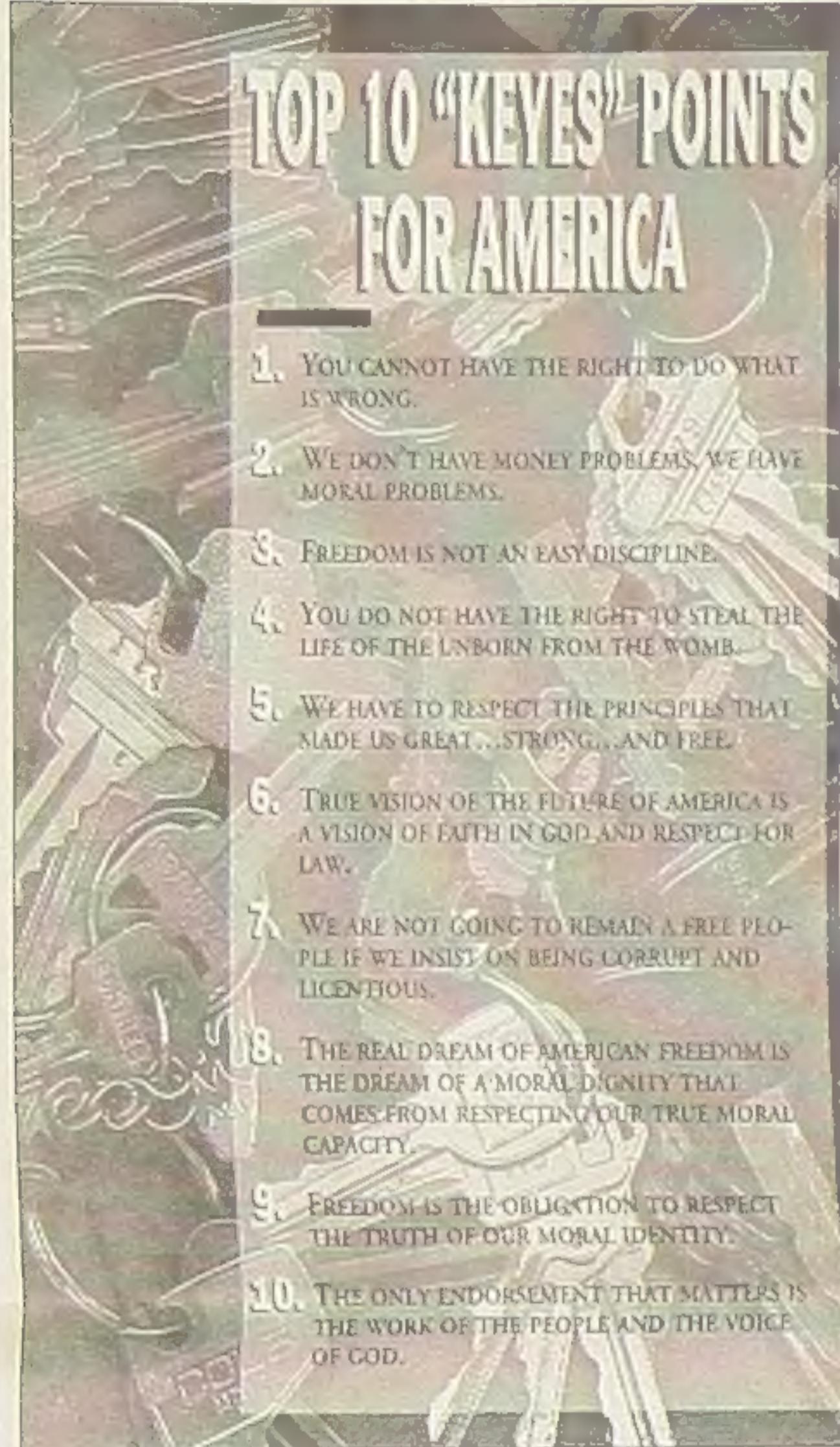
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## LINCOLN DAYS



# Keyes to run 'till the fat lady sings'

By J.L. GRIFFIN  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

**E**rom the moment he arrived at the convention, the message Alan Keyes was sending was obvious.

"The play isn't over 'till the fat lady sings," said Republican presidential hopeful Keyes. "Well, she's not even in her dressing room yet."

Keyes immediately told his supporters he had no intention of dropping out of the race for president. Even though Keyes finished in the single-digit percentile in the New Hampshire primary last week, he said his campaign is picking up steam.

Keyes blamed his unremarkable standings in the polls on the media.

"The media is trying to repress the existence of this campaign," he told his backers crowding in the hallway of the Springfield Holiday Inn for the Republican Party's 97th Annual Missouri State Lincoln Days Saturday.

Keyes called the media "liars" for saying he was planning to drop out of the race.

He went on to attack his Republican candidate counterparts for their apparent dismissal of his candidacy.

"Bob Dole, Pat Buchanan, Lamar Alexander dread it every time they have to stand on a platform and debate toe to toe with Alan Keyes," he said. "They claim they have the guts to face Bill Clinton. They don't even have the guts to face me."

The president was next in Keyes' line of fire, saying he has produced an administration lacking moral values.

"This is the most anti-moral, anti-family administration in the history of the United States," he said.

The force of nearly 200 Republicans holding Keyes' campaign signs and shaking their car and house keys rallied around the former United Nations ambassador as he lectured about his campaign agenda. Keyes believes the issue this season is not the economy but rather the moral decline of America.

"The No. 1 priority of this nation's life is to restore the moral and material foundation of the American family," he said. "The collapse of the family is contributing to every major problem we have: poverty, crime, missed education."

Keyes believes he has a strong chance to contend for the Republican ticket. He said neither Dole nor Buchanan could beat Clinton.

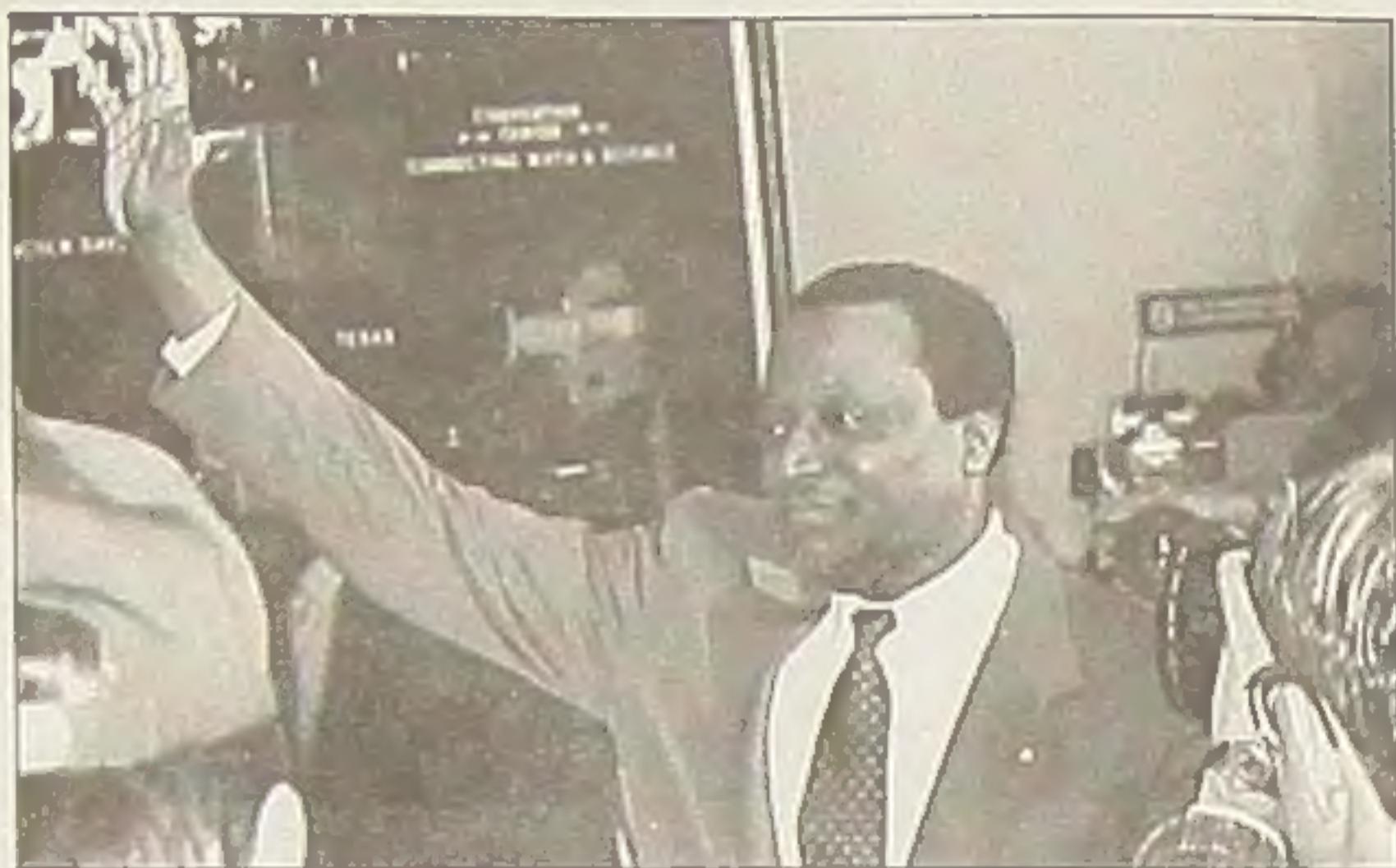
"Bob Dole can't even win the support of the people in his neighboring state," he said of Dole's performance at the Iowa caucus weeks ago. Dole, a senator from Kansas, hasn't clearly won a caucus or primary since the season opened.

"I think Bob Dole might have a problem winning Kansas the way things are going," Keyes said.

With a ticket supporting anywhere from seven to nine candidates at a time, Keyes said the numbers on the ticket aren't harming anyone's campaign.

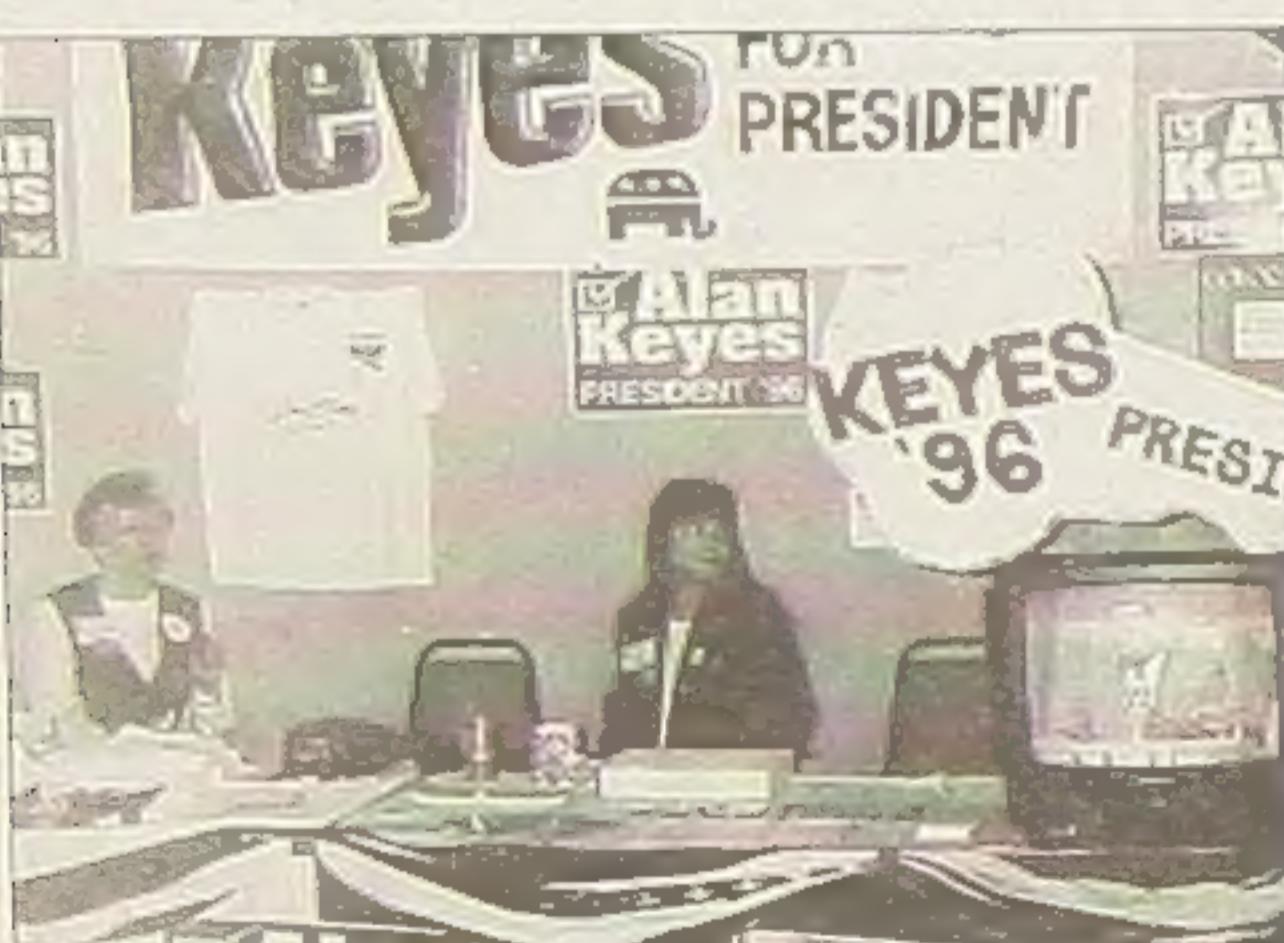
"The Republican Party is not splintering, it's

just grappling with some fundamental issues," he said.

RYAN BRONSON/The Chart  
Presidential candidate Alan Keyes was the keynote speaker at "Lincoln Days," a Republican convention held in Springfield. Keyes was an ambassador to the United Nations in the '80s.RYAN BRONSON/The Chart  
Approximately 150 supporters chant "Keyes '96" prior to and during Alan Keyes' arrival.

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Alan Keyes  
presidential  
candidate



(From left) Susan Phillips and Donna Parsley, Keyes boosters from Kansas City, volunteer by selling T-shirts and other paraphernalia.

## CAMPAIGN '96

## Buchanan thickens presidential race

By J.L. GRIFFIN  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

**M**any booths in the concourse area of the Springfield Holiday Inn attracted the attention of visitors during the Lincoln Days celebration for the Republicans Feb. 23-25.

None attracted as much as the Pat Buchanan information booth, though.

Buchanan boosters were flooded with people all day buying pins and bumper stickers, asking questions, and sharing their beliefs on this presidential candidate who has become an enigma of sorts.

"People are excited about him, and we're getting a lot of help," said Mark Wright, a Buchanan campaign volunteer.

Buchanan's agenda is that of Christian-conservatism, according to Jack Brunner, Buchanan's Missouri campaign leader.

Buchanan has become the surprise Republican candidate after winning the Louisiana caucus, placing second in Iowa, and shockingly winning the New Hampshire primary Feb. 20.

"Ever since New Hampshire, people

Buchanan represents the best in Judeo-Christian roots and convictions of all the candidates, that's first.

Jack Brunner

Pat Buchanan's Missouri campaign leader

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realize Pat can win," Wright said. "Conservatives are starting to come to our side."

Wright said the amount of contenders in the Republican race isn't hurting his candidate. The only figure in the race hurting Buchanan's chances is Alan Keyes.

"If Alan Keyes was out of the race in Iowa, Pat Buchanan would have won the state, because Keyes had 7 percent of the vote," Wright said. "Most of Keyes' supporters, if not all of them, would have voted for Buchanan."

Another criticism of Buchanan, and all the candidates, has been the low-number percentages the contenders bring in.

Buchanan barely beat Dole in New

Hampshire, capturing 27 percent of the vote to Dole's 26 percent and Lamar Alexander's 23 percent.

"That's just the way it's going to be until you get some of these candidates whittled down," Wright said.

Wright compared Buchanan's campaign to those of Ronald Reagan and Bill Clinton. He said those fighting against Buchanan believe it will be easier for the opposition to beat him than any other Republican nominee.

Brunner said Buchanan represents a different view than the rest of the candidates.

"Buchanan represents the best in Judeo-Christian roots and convictions of all the candidates, that's first," Brunner said. □

## ICE CREAM SOCIAL

RYAN BRONSON/The Chart  
Springfield's Hannah Bookout, 5, Adam Bookout, 4, and their father, Jim, are the first of hundreds to be served ice cream Saturday from former Missouri governor and current U.S. Sen. John Ashcroft. The social was only one of several festivities included in "Lincoln Days."

# Leadership vote splinters group

By J.L. GRIFFIN  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

**M**issouri Southern's branch of the College Republicans has decided to step away from the state board until a dispute between two factions in the group can be ironed out.

At the Lincoln Days celebration in Springfield Saturday, a meeting to elect the group's state governing body resulted in a split, leaving the Missouri Federation of College Republicans splintered.

Two groups came out of the meeting claiming control of the College Republicans in Missouri. The deadline for nominations was Feb. 10, and nominations were to be made official at a meeting on that date at Saint Louis University.

Only one of the groups filed before the deadline.

One group claiming leadership is led by Nathan Cooper, a student at Southeast Missouri State University. Cooper has held the position of federation chairman for two years.

The other regime is led by Maple Woods Community College student Brad Baska, who filed by the

Feb. 10 deadline, but Cooper said those nominations are nullified because a quorum was not reached.

According to the College Republicans' constitution, a quorum can be reached only if more than half the schools have delegates present or all four executive members are in attendance. Neither stipulation occurred at the Feb. 10 meeting.

Southern's contingency decided it would separate from the group as a whole until the national group designated one of the groups official.

"Southern is a part of neither faction," said Dan Lee, president of the College Republicans at Missouri Southern. "We're autonomous from the state organization."

Lee said his group, which voted 9-1 for separation, would remain separated until a decision was reached on the national level.

Cooper nominated himself and three others at the state meeting Saturday, and voting was held between his group and Baska's.

Three schools walked out of the meeting to protest, and one returned a short time later. A vote

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*We don't need to be fighting each other. There are many other battles during the election cycles.*

Nathan Cooper  
College Republican chairman

was held, and Cooper won by two votes.

Lee said no one was certain what would have happened in the event of a tie.

"Cooper's group thinks they're in charge. Baska's thinks they are. And I don't know or care," Lee said.

Lee said being separated from the state organization should have no bearing upon the College Republicans' work.

"We've never really relied on them," he said.

The main purpose of the College Republicans is to help GOP candidates have some extra hands in handling a campaign.

"In my opinion it's been a résumé enhancer," Lee said.

Cooper said he wasn't using the office to build up his résumé.

"My résumé needs no help," Cooper said. "If I needed this for my résumé, I would have a pretty poor résumé."

Baska said he sees this as a time for Cooper to move on. Baska said Cooper has been absent from several meetings, especially recently, and negligent in his duties.

"I believe the College Republicans can and should be a force in the state of Missouri," Baska said. "Our next step is to get recognized by the National College Republican Committee. I am the legitimate,

constitutionally elected chairman of the Missouri College Republicans."

Cooper doesn't see it that way, though, and neither does the national group according to him. Cooper said he talked with the national organization earlier in the week and was recognized as the state chairman. He also said he now wants to unite the split factions.

Cooper said he would open the lines of communications between leaders and individuals involved in the power struggle.

"We're Republicans," Cooper said. "We don't need to be fighting each other. There are many other battles during the election cycle. Infighting is not part of the stated or intended goal of the College Republicans."

Southern is still not certain what direction it will take, but one option Southern's College Republican secretary Gary Crites spoke of was organizing a southwest Missouri chapter, with schools from around the area. Crites said he and his colleagues will meet at a later date to discuss Southern's College Republican's next move. □

## STATE NEWS BRIEFS

### House rejects Senate's plan to end filibuster

Speed limit increases are undoubtedly going to occur in the very near future for Missouri, but it may be speeds that existed before the federal government set them in 1974.

Due to a five-hour filibuster by Sen. Harold Caskey (D-Butler) Monday night, the speed limit bill already passed by the Missouri House was sent back in order to avoid a stalemate that would have tied up the Senate for a month.

However, the House would not be bullied by Caskey and voted 124-19 to leave the bill as is and let the Senate fight over it.

Caskey's main point of contention is increasing the speed limit on Highway 71 to 70 mph. Currently it is 55 mph, but under the bill before the Senate it would become 65 mph.

Sources at the Capitol believe Gov. Mel Carnahan will now step up to end the feuding and get the bill moving again before the April 2 deadline that will send speed limits in Missouri back to pre-1974 speeds.

Caskey said he would fight any legislation that does not include changing Highway 71 speed limits to 70 mph. □

### House weapons bill under fire in committee

Guns are a hot topic in the Capitol. Two bills, a House version and a Senate version, are asking that Missouri citizens be allowed to carry concealed weapons.

The House version sponsored by Rep. Wayne Crump (D-Potosi) was heard by members of the House judiciary and ethics committee Tuesday. Crump informed the group that the similarities between the bills in both houses were many, but his bill changed the language concerning drinking alcohol and carrying a weapon and also changed the responsibility of distributing permits from sheriffs' offices to the highway patrol.

Crump told the committee of other states that had passed similar legislation and how 52 permits in more than 15 states had been revoked because of violations. That figure comes to 7 percent of all concealed weapons permits in the United States being pulled.

Rep. Paula Carter (D-St. Louis) wasn't fond of the language in the bill concerning mental health disclosure. In order to gain a permit, registrants must sign an affidavit stating their mental health history.

"I view myself first and foremost as a conservative looking after tax dollars," Kelly said. "I am a watchdog."

She said the current administration has excessively taxed the citizens and that if and when she takes the governor's seat, she would "absolutely give greater refunds." □

Also opposing the measure at the hearing was Col. Fred Mills, superintendent of the Missouri Highway Patrol, who said this was the first he had heard of the Highway Patrol being given the responsibility of issuing permits.

The idea of taking the issue to the voters was brought up, but Crump said a vote would be too costly and he believed it was a legislative responsibility. □

### First day filing yields nearly 300 candidates

With a new way of filing for candidacy in place, nearly 300 people took advantage of the process during the first day Tuesday.

A lottery system replaces the old "first come, first serve" process which had become cumbersome and costly for the secretary of state's office. In the past, Secretary of State Rebecca Cook said the halls would be cluttered with people and debris in the days leading up to the first day of filing.

Cook devised the plan for this year, which will see filings for all 163 House seats, half the Senate seats, the governor's office, lieutenant governor position, and many more. □

### TAX LAWS

## 2 bills battle for spot in constitution

By J.L. GRIFFIN  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

**N**umbers are key to any tax issue, but two of the most important numbers facing Missourians may be three and four—as in Hancock III and Amendment 4.

U.S. Rep. Mel Hancock (R-Mo.) introduced plans Feb. 20 to petition the citizens of Missouri about placing Hancock III on the November ballot that will cause any proposed tax increase to go to a vote of the public. The Hancock III proposal is different from previous Hancock measures which focused on past state finances. Hancock III puts its efforts toward taxation in the future. Amendment 4 is the governor's plan to regulate voting on tax issues by allowing voting by the public to occur if the tax issue is more than \$50 million or 1 percent of the total state revenues for the fiscal year before last. Voters will get a chance to vote on Amendment 4 April 2.

"I am pleased that this amendment has been approved by the legislature and will now be put on the ballot for final approval by Missouri voters," Gov. Mel Carnahan said.

Carnahan calls his proposal "simple and straightforward." The governor was joined by the Missouri Farm Bureau for the inception of this legislation.

Hancock calls Amendment 4 "Amendment Fraud." He said the spending lid can be adjusted and is confusing to voters. Hancock has been working with Missourians for Tax Relief for this legislation. The bill takes all statewide tax increases and automatically places them on the ballot.

Sen. Marvin Singleton (R-Seneca) said he voted for Amendment 4 last year, but he wanted to know more about Hancock III.

"Hancock raised some interesting questions about sovereignty and individuals," Singleton said. "I voted for it (Amendment 4) in the Missouri Senate. I'm not too happy with it. I need to study it more before I can really say whether it will work."

Singleton said he would like to see state auditor Margaret Kelly's position on the issues before he takes a stand. Because both issues are constitutional, if both pass, Hancock III would supersede Amendment 4. The Hancock III petition needs 120,000 signatures to be placed on the November ballot. □

Undaunted by a loss in the lieutenant governor's race in 1992, State Auditor Margaret Kelly takes a shot at higher office and current Governor Mel Carnahan. She has GOP members around the state rooting for her and cheering...



## Kelly in '96

By J.L. GRIFFIN  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

**W**ith a message of a better economic future, state auditor Margaret Kelly vaguely outlined her strategies for the Missouri governorship on the Republican ticket.

She said she wouldn't divulge her agenda until she was ready, and no one was going to set her agenda for her.

"I'm going to determine my agenda," she said. "There are a lot of issues that are important to the campaign."

She tried to keep the media at bay during a press conference Saturday at the Republicans' annual Lincoln Days celebration in Springfield, but they hounded her about her agenda.

Kelly did say she would work with Sen. Bill Kenney (R-Lee's Summit) and his bid for lieutenant governor. Kenney had said he would seek the governor's seat, but instead opted for solidifying the ticket and avoiding a costly primary by going for the No. 2 spot.

"I'm very optimistic we will work well together," Kelly said. "Our campaigns will be very complementary, and we can be successful."

Kelly says once she is in office

she would work to relieve some of the burden on Missouri's taxpayers, who she believes have been "abused" by the current administration. She said Gov. Mel Carnahan has overtaxed Missouri and lied about raising taxes.

"I am very concerned about the current management, the mismanagement, the excessive taxation, and the increasing bureaucracy," Kelly said. "I think that's the focus we need to have."

She said Carnahan has overlooked the Missouri constitution during his reign. A major issue Kelly has yet to take sides on is Amendment 4, dealing with tax limitations.

"If we had a governor who upheld his oath of office and honored our current Hancock Amendment that is a part of our constitution, then we wouldn't even need to be talking about any type of amendment," Kelly said.

U.S. Rep. Mel Hancock (R-Mo.) said he was disappointed that Kelly has not yet taken a stand, along with the rest of Missouri's Republican Party.

"She needs to take a lot of positions," Hancock said. "She's running her campaign. We have pointed the problems with Amendment 4."

"We've asked the [Missouri] Republican Party to support

the same



State Auditor Margaret Kelly speaks at her press conference Saturday at the Republicans' Lincoln Days festivities in Springfield.

[Hancock III, an alternative to Amendment 4]" he said. "If they don't, I'll come down and take it on myself."

And what about Kelly's alleged failure to take a stand?

"Sure it's disturbing," Hancock said. "As of right now, she's our candidate for governor."

Hancock adamantly expressed that he would not run for office ever.

"I'm 67 years old," he said. "I'm not running for anything."

Kelly said she doesn't want to start any mudslinging with the current administration, and that she is just stating facts.

RYAN BRONSON/The Chart

### HIGHER EDUCATION

## Jacob files 2 bills concerning regents

### Conflict of interest addressed in committee

**W**ith a strong faith in the governor's selection process for student representatives to a college's governing board, Rep. Ken Jacob (D-Columbia) spoke before the House committee for higher education about a bill allowing students into those boards' closed meetings.

Jacob called the bill a way to establish a "checks and balances" system behind closed doors.

"I think school's will have better policies if a student is allowed behind closed doors," Jacob said.

Jacob also testified about a bill dealing with conflict of interest on collegiate governing boards. The

bill stems from an incident in which a University of Missouri curator sat in on a meeting dealing with the sale of the university's hospital in Columbia. The curator turned out to be a lawyer for a group negotiating to buy the hospital.

Jacob said the University of Missouri is not the only one experiencing conflict of interest problems with their governing boards. He said Southwest Missouri State University and Central Missouri State University have also pointed out problems.

"Some board members may be representing their own interest," Jacob said. □

### AND YOU ARE?



J.L. GRIFFIN/The Chart

On the first day of filing for office in the secretary of state's office, Gov. Mel Carnahan ruffles for his driver's license to finish filing.

## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### Carthage celebrates Super Center opening

After six months of construction, Carthage residents celebrated the grand opening of the city's new Wal-Mart Super Center Feb. 21.

Construction of the 146,000-square-foot building began July 1, 1995, and was completed by Jan. 15.

"We took possession of the building Jan. 15 and went from an empty building to a complete grocery store with general merchandise," said Mark Lashley, store director.

He said the Super Center offers a variety of other services including a vision center, a one-hour photo, a hair salon, a pharmacy, a tire lube and express, a bakery, a deli, and a McDonald's.

"Our apparel department has expanded; the isles are wider than they were in the old store," Lashley said.

The store, located at 2705 Grand Ave. in Carthage, is open 24 hours seven days a week. □

### Health club to raise scholarship funds

The Joplin Family YMCA is gearing up for its annual "Invest in Youth" program to raise funds for scholarships.

According to Pat Crespino, associate executive director, the YMCA gives out scholarships for those who are unable to afford to participate in the programs the health club has to offer.

"A majority of the money raised is for the youths, but we give out a lot of scholarships for anyone who cannot afford to participate in our program," she said. "Anyone can afford it because we can help them."

Crespino said she expects to top the \$114,000 raised for scholarships last year.

The program has two phases; the telephone program started Tuesday, and the general campaign kicks off Tuesday, March 5.

"We help a lot of senior citizens, single parents, and college students who want to participate and need help," Crespino said. □

### JHS to receive grant, improve curriculum

Joplin High School (JHS) is one of 50 high schools in Missouri selected to receive an A-plus School grant.

The A-plus School grant funds curriculum changes necessary to help students gain hands-on learning experiences and job training skills which will enhance performances in the job market.

In order to utilize the program, students must attend an A-plus School three consecutive years, maintain a 2.5 grade-point average, have attempted to secure financial aid, and perform 50 hours of unpaid tutoring.

The grant will be received when all goals and requirements of the program are met locally and JHS is designated an A-plus School. Graduates, after the designation is received, will be eligible for state reimbursement for the cost of tuition, books, and fees to any Missouri public community college, or vocational school.

According to Susan Day, A-plus coordinator, the program is geared toward those seeking short-term education.

"We are aiming for the middle-class students," she said. "By the year 2000, 75 percent of the employers won't require a four-year education, but more than a high school education so the program will be used for community colleges and vocational technical schools."

Anticipated changes in the curriculum include establishing career paths, developing performance objectives, infusing technology into the classroom, and meeting the needs identified by business and industry. □

### JOPLIN R-8/DISTRICT

# JHS constructs new computer lab



CATHERINE ROSS/The Chart

Andy Ritter, Instructor of the honors world history class, and his class take advantage of the technology in the new computer lab at Joplin High School.

### AREA SPOTLIGHT

## French eatery offers fine cuisine, wine

By STEPHANIE GOAD  
CITY NEWS EDITOR

**O**ffering a taste of France in a romantic setting, The Old Miner's Inn opens its doors for elegant dining experiences.

Owner Max Givone started the restaurant 17 years ago in Alba.

"I have worked very hard to get this place where it is, and I think I was able to succeed," he said.

Givone, a native of France, desires to keep the French fine-dining experience alive with fresh French cuisine and fine wines.

"We serve chicken, veal, lamb, beef, and fish," he said. "We have 120 items on our menu and 75 appetizers." He said wines range in price from \$20 to \$200 per bottle.

"A couple will usually spend at least \$60 to have dinner," he said.

Givone's daughter, Shannon, manages the restaurant a majority of the time, heading a six-member wait staff and four chefs.

"Our waiters are professionals," she said. "Generally, tips run around 15 percent, but ours make about 20 percent."

"Everything we make is fresh, so we take reservations so we can make just the amount of food we'll need," Shannon Givone said.

"This way we have very little waste."

Max Givone said The Old Miner's Inn serves numerous international guests.

"We get couples who are in love and we get a lot in businessmen with international guests," he said.

"Wednesday we had a party from Russia; they come from all over."

Wines include Beringer White Zinfandel, which is the most reasonable in price; Opus One; and Chateau La Tour, the most expensive.



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

Chad Teaford, line cook (back), and Chad Isom, sous chef (front), prepare the evening meals for a party at The Old Miner's Inn located in Alba. The Inn admits parties only by reservation.

Dinners range from \$15.95 to \$25.

"Each dinner comes with soup and salad, a vegetable in the day, and a starch of the day," Shannon Givone said.

"Eight- to 10-course meals range from \$40 to \$100 a person."

She describes the restaurant's atmosphere as "quaint."

"People walk in and see cloth napkins, tablecloths, romantic lighting, candles, and hear French music or light jazz in the background," she said. "We are definitely meant

A+ rating key to annual grant; 30 new computers provide students access to Internet

By LISA BUFFINGTON  
STAFF WRITER

Joplin High School's principal is calling a new computer lab at the school "the best thing to happen" during his educational career.

Joplin High School built the lab after receiving a three-year grant from the state of Missouri for achieving an "A+" rating. Keith Zeka, principal, said the A+ rating is given to schools that eliminate their general tract.

This rating is awarded to those schools that are geared toward college-prep or vocational-training, said Zeka. "Students get a head start on their educational goals if they take these courses instead of just general classes."

The \$250,000-a-year grant, with additional funding from the Joplin R-8 Foundation, made it possible for the new lab, located on the lower level of the high school. The 30 new computers are connected to the Internet to allow students to gather information they may not have had access to otherwise.

"This lab has enough computers that a whole class can use it at once," Zeka said. "There are computers on the school grounds, but some are not for student use."

The new lab was originally the school's woodwork shop room, but has been remodeled to accommodate both students and computers.

Though the lab is open to students, new tables and chairs are still on order and are expected to arrive soon.

"This is a 'teacher-friendly' lab," Zeka said. "There is an area located at one end of the lab to be used for classroom teaching."

The design for the new room came from a six-panel teacher committee. The instructors viewed the room and gave suggestions on how different plans and layouts might benefit them in their teaching.

"They were excited," Zeka said. "Each instructor gave input to what was needed. This is the best thing to happen during my educational career."

The lab opened its doors full-time Jan. 16. Ross Lauck, director of technology, coordinated the overall design of the lab along with the purchase and installation of the computers.

"He's the main person to help the dream come true," Zeka said. "A lot of people came together to help reach our goal."

The estimated cost of the new computer lab is \$65,000. Each computer cost approximately \$2,000, plus the cost of the color laser printer, paint, and new lighting. The lab is not air conditioned yet.

The computer lab is open to students for 90 minutes after school Monday through Thursday. An adult is in the lab all times to help students find information and to monitor them. Students must have their student ID or user card visibly placed on the table next to them during their use of the hardware.

"Technology is very important today compared to 10 years ago," Zeka said. "Students need to realize that this computer lab is to be used for educational purposes only. □

JPD

## Vest saves college grad

By STEPHANIE GOAD  
CITY NEWS EDITOR

S hielded by the bullet-proof vest she was wearing, officer Karol Woodward escaped the penetration of a bullet fired at her Monday night patrol.

Woodward, 24, graduated from Missouri Southern's police academy in 1993 and joined the Joplin police force in August 1994.

"She wanted to be a police officer from the time she came to Missouri Southern," said Dr. Jack Spurlin, dean of the school of technology. "She's a real gung-ho, outgoing lady, the kind you want to have on a department."

According to David Niebur, Joplin chief of police, Woodward observed a man acting suspicious in the area of Perkins Street and Winfield Avenue near an old mining area.

"It was an area where several cars were reported stolen," he said. "She saw an individual standing by a truck that later turned out to be stolen. She got out and walked toward him, and he fired nearly six to 10 feet away, hitting her in the chest."

Niebur said the impact of the bullet knocked the officer to the ground and was embedded in her vest when help arrived at the scene.

He said Woodward was taken to St. John's Regional Medical Center, where she was treated for bruises inflicted by the bullet's impact.

"She suffered bruises from the impact and is very sore," he said. "Usually when an officer is involved in a shooting there is also some trauma involved."

Niebur said the officer fired two return shots at the suspect, but it is unknown whether he was wounded.

One man was taken into custody but was later released due to lack of evidence linking him to the crime.

"There were no definite direct correlations linking him to the shooting," Niebur said.

"We do have leads we are following up on, but we haven't accomplished as much as we hoped we would or focused on a particular individual," he said.

Niebur did say 11 detectives are on the case and a manhunt has been launched for a Taney County escapee wanted for questioning about Monday night's shooting.

"People believe if you're a police officer in a large city you're in more danger, but police officers in smaller cities have just as much danger," Spurlin said. "I would say anyone selecting this as a career, it is a dangerous world we live in." □

### NEW BUSINESS

## Walgreens returns to Joplin, takes new approach

By STEPHANIE GOAD  
CITY NEWS EDITOR

A fter closing shop at Northpark Mall four years ago, Walgreens has opened a much larger new store at 2001 Main in Joplin.

The store's construction began late last summer, according to Michael Polzin, spokesperson for Walgreens. Polzin said the company is expanding with an average of 200 stores erected each year.

"We're opening up new stores in Springfield," he said. "We also thought we could serve Joplin again."

Walgreens is taking a different stance in the market in relation to location, Polzin said.

"We have moved away from malls and large strip centers and are placing our stores at a free-standing location in the corners

of major intersections," he said. "This makes it more convenient for the customer to get to and gives the store better visibility."

Polzin said 43 percent of the store's business is attracted by its pharmacy.

"If you combine both the pharmacy and the over-the-counter products, it makes up over 50 percent of the business," he said.

At the present time, Walgreens is operating 1,122 stores with the average store earning nearly \$1 million in sales per year.

"Our store has a drive-through which people can both drop off and pick up prescriptions without leaving their car," Polzin said.

The store also contains a one-hour photo lab, a convenience food section, cosmetics, and greeting cards as well as general merchandise.

Jeff Huch, Joplin store manager, said the Main Street location has received many compliments.

"People really seem to like it more than they did at the mall," he said. "What they like most is the drive-through pharmacy."

Huch said plans are being made for a second grand opening on March 10-11.

"We decided to do another grand opening to get more volume into the store and expose more people to it," he said.

Huch also said Walgreens likes to stay on the competitive edge.

"We try to stay on the competitive pricing tier," he said. "We have received nothing but positive feedback on our prescription prices."

According to Huch, Walgreens has a growth and expansion plan which includes operating 3,000 stores by the turn of the century.

"We have added 230 stores this year and plan to add another 250 next year," Huch said, "and by the year 2000 we should have 3,000 stores." □



ANDY SWIFT/The Chart  
Christy Girton, Walgreens associate, stocks shelves with over-the-counter products at the new Joplin location.

# Southern steps to MIAA tourney final



Senior guard Melissa Grider shoots a jumper over Missouri Western's Jenny Marr. The Lady Lions won the MIAA conference semifinal game 82-62.

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

## Lions lose at Emporia, chance for MIAA tournament

**Southern finishes 9th in MIAA after falling to Hornets 70-56**

By RICK ROGERS  
MANAGING EDITOR

After falling to Emporia State 70-56, Missouri Southern's hopes in sneak into the eighth and final spot of the MIAA post-season tournament disappeared Saturday at White Auditorium.

Southern (12-14 overall, 7-9 MIAA) finished ninth, missing the post-season tournament for the third straight season.

In Tuesday's first-round playoff

action, No. 4 Central Missouri squeaked past No. 5 Emporia State 64-63, while No. 8 Pittsburg State upended top-ranked Northwest Missouri 101-98. PSU swept the Bearcats this season, winning all three games.

Despite a 45-point showing from the Ichabods' Dan Buie, No. 2 Missouri-Rolla defeated No. 7 Washburn 112-104, and No. 3 Missouri-St. Louis trounced No. 6 Missouri Western 62-59.

In Thursday's second-round action, Central Missouri will play host to Pittsburg State, while Missouri-St. Louis will travel to Missouri-Rolla.

Southern head coach Robert Corn blamed a lack of good shot selection as a reason for his team's

demise Saturday. The Lions shot a dismal 31 percent from the field, hitting only 20 of 64 shots.

"If you don't shoot the basketball, it does not look like you are playing very well, and we shot the ball poorly," he said. "We had wide-open looks for a 3, or a wide-open look for a 2, and we just did not convert. If we hit those shots in the first three or four minutes of the game, that changes the whole complexion of the game from then on."

Corn also said a lack of strong rebounding led to the Hornets' sixth-straight home victory over Southern, dating back to the 1986-87 season. Emporia State out-rebounded the Lions 47-38 for the game.

They were just a bit quicker to the boards than we were, and that really hurt us," Corn said.

In the second half, the Lions went without a single basket between the 13:51 and 5:27 marks.

During the eight-minute stretch,

the Hornets increased their lead from 50-42 to 64-59.

Emporia State forward Scott Harkess gave Corn and the Lions headaches throughout the contest as he led the Hornets in scoring with 18 points, 10 above his season average.

"He played extremely well," Corn said. "He not only had 18 points, but he had 10 rebounds, five on the offensive end."

"It was very physical on the inside, and we were not as physi-

cal as we needed to be on the inside."

Even though the Lions will be losing seniors Eddie Reece, Kevin Shorter, and Iric Farmer, Corn said he thinks his squad could be an MIAA force next season. In addition, center Joe Drum, a junior in eligibility, plans to graduate.

"Matt [Olson] and Mario [Phillips] got a lot of time, and Brian [Taylor] has improved his game tremendously over the course of the year," Corn said. "I think those three are a great nucleus, and I think we have some good juniors as well. Torrius [Fisher] and Lance [Robbins] really improved their game, and I think we have a bright future in front of us."

## Sports SCOPE

### Fun' Lions find No. 9 not so lucky

For the third straight season, the Missouri Southern men's basketball team sat at home during the MIAA post-season tournament.

After losing 70-56 at Emporia State Saturday, head coach Robert Corn and the Lions, who finished ninth in the MIAA, have dusted off their golf clubs and headed for Schifferdecker Park instead of gunning for the conference crown.

Why has this become the trend for the green and gold?

Since the days of Chris Tucker, who led the Lions to an NCAA Division II regional tournament berth in 1993, Southern has not made the MIAA's elite eight. And this season is the icing on the cake of confusion.

Last year, the Lions were not ready to rank among the MIAA's upper echelon. Besides having Southern's No. 9 all-time leading scorer in Terrance Sisson, the Lions managed only a 6-10 conference record.

But I thought this season was different.

I loved going to watch this team. This team was fun, exciting, and made every game a contest. And with the return of freshman center Matt Olson and freshman guard Mario Phillips, there is always next year.

But why isn't Southern in the playoffs this season?

No. 1 reason—a 3-5 record in the MIAA at Robert Ellis Young Gymnasium.

No team, whether it is the Indiana Hoosiers or the Harris-Stowe Hornets, is going to have a successful season with a below .500 record on its home court.

Southern lost home games to Central Missouri State, Washburn, Missouri-Rolla, Missouri Western, and 4-12 Lincoln, who swept the Lions in conference play. Two of these losses came in overtime, where Southern went 1-3 for the year.

No. 2 reason—not being able to win the big game.

With their backs to the wall, the Lions knew that winning two of their final three games would land them a spot in the MIAA tourney. And they took no time heading in the right direction.

Southern found new life in Warrensburg with a huge three-point victory over CMSU. Junior forward Greg Ray's long-range treys, along with Torrius Fisher's bump-and-grind play around the basket, gave Southern its fourth MIAA victory on the road.

One down, two to go.

But go they didn't. Southern looked lackadaisical in the first half as it hosted Washburn Feb. 21. The Ichabods shell-shocked the Lions and came out of Young Gymnasium with a 94-80 win.

So, instead of clinching a tourney berth, the Lions opted to put it all on the line Saturday at Emporia State. As you know, the line broke and the rest is history.

Rick Rogers

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

## Lady Lions travel to No. 4 SBU

By RICK ROGERS  
MANAGING EDITOR

With an 82-62 victory over Missouri Western Wednesday, Missouri Southern will pack its bags for Bolivar to take on No. 4 Southwest Baptist Friday in the MIAA post-season tournament finale.

Southern (21-5 overall) is riding a nine-game winning streak dating back to Feb. 3.

The Lady Lions defeated SBU 84-79 on Feb. 7 in Young Gymnasium.

The Lady Bearcats (20-7 overall) thrashed No. 2 Central Missouri State (23-5) 54-35 Wednesday at CMSU's Multipurpose Building to land a spot in the championship game.

"It seemed like we were the visitors tonight," CMSU head coach Scott Ballard said. "Offensively we played awful. Hopefully, we will still get an NCAA regional bid, but now we have to wait until Sunday."

The six regional bids will be announced Sunday.

Southern head coach Carrie Kafes said she did not care

whom the Lady Lions would meet in the final round, because both the Jennies and the Lady Bearcats are quality programs.

"No, I am not relieved that we are going to SBU," Kafes said. "Because SBU is a good team and it is at SBU."

Lady Lions' junior guard Nicole Heinz said Southern needed to stay with what has worked during the stretch run.

"We need to play as a team and work it inside to Marie [Scott]," she said. "[We need to] play the ball around and do what we have been doing all along."

# Southern Scoreboard

## Date, Time, and Place

## Friday

## Baseball

Lions vs. Washburn, 2 p.m.

## Basketball

Lady Lions at SBU, 7 p.m.

## Saturday

## Baseball

Lions at CMSU, 1 p.m.

## Monday

## Softball

Lady Lions vs. SMSU, 2 p.m.

## Wednesday

## Baseball

Lions vs. NWMSU, 2 p.m.

## Softball

Lady Lions vs. South Dakota State 3 p.m.

## HOOPS

## Lion Numbers

## Final Standings

## (As of Feb. 24)

## Scoring

## Stats &amp; Honors

## REBOUNDS

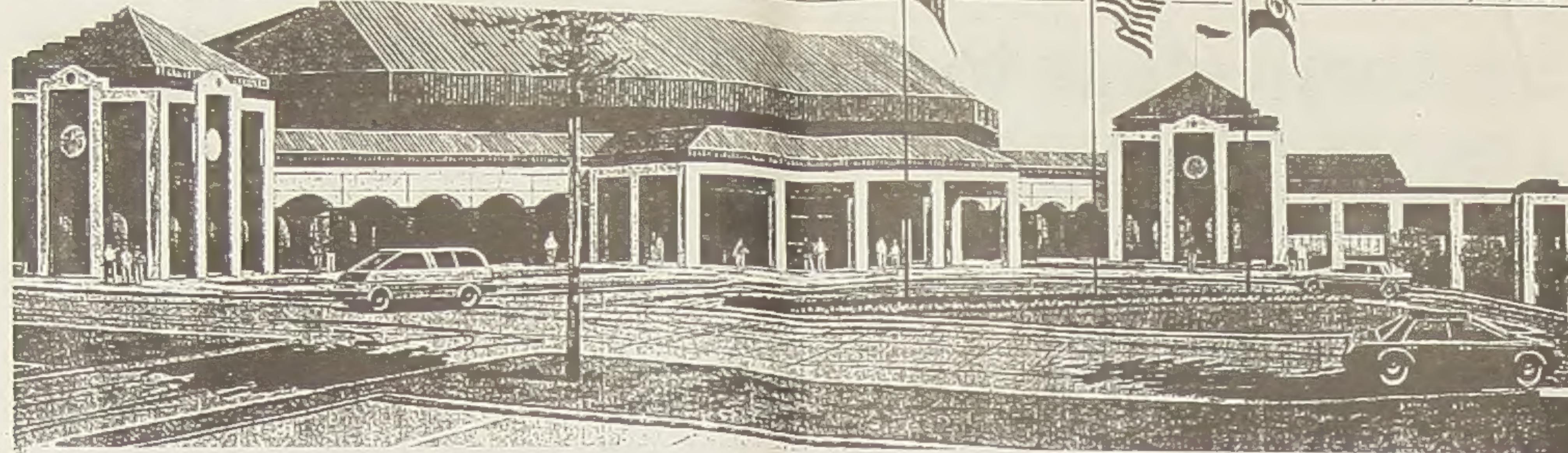
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# SPECIAL ELECTION

## City's voters hold key to Joplin Civic Center

### Election to be held March 5

By RICK ROGERS  
MANAGING EDITOR

**M**issouri Southern's four-month-long battle to bring Joplin its own 9,000-seat civic center will be won or lost in five days by the hands of Joplin voters.

On Tuesday, registered voters will decide if there is a true need for a new entertainment facility in the hub of the four-state region.

The \$25 million Joplin Civic Center would house Southern's athletic events, concerts, circuses, tractor pulls, ice shows, and various other forms of entertainment for the College and the community.

Here is a closer look at the beginnings of the major events center project and what the center could do for the area's athletic and entertainment aspect.

#### Beginning Studies

After being shot down by more than 2,000 votes in August 1992, College officials dusted off the center's blueprints and coordinated a study to see if resurrecting the proposal would be of interest to Joplin voters.

Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president, consulted Attitude Research Company (ARC) of St. Louis, which conducted extensive phone interviews of Joplin residents in both Jasper and Newton counties

beginning Nov. 14, 1995.

Dr. Rodney Wright, ARC president, said the phone interviews polled only registered voters and screened out those who were unlikely to vote.

Fifty-eight percent of Jasper County respondents and 60 percent of Joplin respondents said they would support a three-eighths-cent sales tax increase to fund the events center.

During a Nov. 14, 1995, press conference, Dr. Julio Leon, College president, said the present positive state of Joplin's economy could spur a different outcome than in the 1992 election.

"The way people felt about the economy in Joplin is positive," Leon said. "In Joplin, 71 percent feel the economy is in a positive light. Back in 1992, we were in a recession and now people feel totally different about the economy in this area."

#### Show-Me Center

Southeast Missouri State University's Show-Me Center demonstrates the impact such a facility could have on Missouri Southern and the community.

The \$16.5 million Show-Me Center, which seats more than 7,000, has become a Cape Girardeau trademark since its erection in 1987.

According to David Ross, Show-Me Center director, a three-fold

method was used to fund the center. Through a 3 percent hotel, motel, and restaurant tax and a 1 percent residential tax, Cape Girardeau allotted \$5 million for the facility, paid in 20-year bonds. The remaining \$11.5 million was derived from the university itself, including \$3 million in student fees.

Cape Girardeau Mayor Albert Spradling said businesses in the Joplin area would also benefit from an events center in town.

"We are the major retail area for southeast Missouri, and our retail trade has jumped in recent years," he said. "Since we have had the Show-Me Center here, we have had an incline in retail activity."

#### The Go-Ahead

After the results from the ARC survey shed a positive light on the Joplin Civic Center proposal, the College put the project in the hands of a steering committee, who in turn approved the plan and suggested the project be submitted to Joplin voters only.

On Jan. 6, 1996, the Joplin City Council gave its OK, slotting the election to take place March 5.

The College's Board of Regents gave the center's operations manual the green light during its Jan. 11 meeting. The operation manual was then approved by the Joplin City Council on Feb. 5.

Tiede said a six-person board,

#### Joplin Civic Center: The Basic Facts

1. The 9,000-seat project will cost \$25 million to \$30 million to construct by winter of 1998.
2. Election to be held on March 5 consisting of only registered voters in the city of Joplin.
3. If passed, the proposal will be funded through a 3/8 of a cent sales tax on the city of Joplin.
4. A 6-person board, 3 members from MSSC and Joplin, to make decisions concerning center.
5. Leon claims after sales tax is completed, Southern will bear the financial risks of center.
6. Center to hold College's athletic events, concerts, circuses, conventions, and other shows.
7. Facility also to house walking indoor track, classrooms and weight room for community.
8. Chamber of Commerce gives its support for center with positive results of economic impact.
9. Will be located northeast of Fred G. Hughes Stadium, on current cross country course.
10. More than 200 Southern students registered to vote in Joplin for the special election.

RICK ROGERS/The Chart

consisting of three representatives from both the College and the community, would hold the key to all major decisions concerning the operations of the center.

Leon said the College would be responsible for the maintenance and personnel aspects of running the center.

"If the facility would be in a situation where the revenue would not meet the expenses of the College, the College will bear the risks of that loss," he said. "The taxpayers

and the city would not be reliable for that loss."

#### City Outlook

While Missouri Southern kept busing informing its students about the proposed Joplin Civic Center, many local residents raised questions concerning the facility.

Carol Link, a 53-year-old truck driver and registered voter, said

her only concern was that not much information has been given to the community.

"My husband and I discussed it a few weeks ago, and he didn't think we needed an arena," she said. "He felt we needed something a little more practical, and he didn't know how people would benefit from it."

Joplin Mayor Ron Richard said even though many residents may not want to see Joplin grow, he thinks the citizens have realized Joplin is in a state of growth. □

#### IN PERSPECTIVE

## Joplin Civic Center serves as 'future' for Joplin, Southern

**O**n Tuesday, March 5, voters in the city of Joplin will be asked to increase the local sales tax by 3/8 of a cent in order to build a Joplin Civic Center on our campus. Since the College is making available 40 acres of our land for the facility, it is obvious this project has value for the College as well as for the citizens of Joplin and the immediate region.

The first thing that needs to be said is that by being a partner with the city, the College is fulfilling the important responsibility of being responsive to the needs of the southwest Missouri region. This project will bring important economic development benefits to the whole area. Major entertainers, family-oriented events like circuses, figure skating on ice shows, Christian music concerts, rodeos, the Harlem Glob Trotters, special exhibit shows, and conventions will add a dimension to the city and the region that will dramatically improve the quality of life in the area. The civic center will attract thousands and thousands of visitors to the city and the College, generating jobs and economic growth.

The city would now have another important feature to showcase when trying to attract new industries and



Dr. Julio Leon

their employees—and so would our hospitals when they try to convince highly-skilled physicians and their families to settle in Joplin, which is the major health-care center for the four-state region.

The College will also benefit from the Joplin Civic Center. For one, in terms of our educational mission, our physical education and wellness programs would be greatly enhanced by the availability of the civic center. Young Gymnasium, in addition to being too small for today's needs, is used daily non-stop from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. by physical education and wellness classes, basketball and volleyball teams' practices, and intramurals participation. The civic center would supplement the usage of Young Gymnasium and thus expand and improve a very important part of our educational offerings.

To have on our campus the city's civic center would also add another dimension to Missouri Southern. Entertainment presented for city residents plus the entertainment that would be sponsored by our Campus Activities Board would add greatly to the quality of student life at our College. It would enable our College to attract more students and probably bring us to where we could be housing 1,000 or more students (our present capacity is 600) inducing the construction of additional residence halls, cafeterias, etc. The larger residential population would improve the level of student participation in campus life with

the resulting flourishing of our student organizations.

Our sports programs obviously would gain from performing in a larger venue. Nobody expects our athletic teams to attract 9,000 spectators in our games, but certainly it is reasonable to expect that the new facility will enhance the caliber of participation of our teams by attracting many more spectators than now attend games at Young Gymnasium. Our teams would also have a better chance to recruit those key athletes we sometimes lose to competing universities who can showcase better facilities than ours.

There is another important benefit for Missouri Southern from the presence of the civic center on our campus. The availability of parking would be dramatically improved. The civic center would make available large-scale parking directly across from Webster Hall, thus virtually solving a problem that has bothered our students and visitors for a long time.

The Show-Me Center on the campus of Southeast Missouri State University is the model for the city of Joplin-Missouri Southern project. Built through a partnership between the city of Cape Girardeau and the university, the Show-Me Center has been a boon to the city and the university, attracting more than 1.1 million spectators and visitors to the city in the last eight years and greatly improving the student life programs at Southeast Missouri State University.

The expectations are that the Joplin-Southern part-

nership will bring about similar benefits to the city and the College. Impartial economists without a personal interest at stake have used conservative estimates in determining that the potential exists for a significant economic impact in the area as a result of the construction and operation of the civic center. While the majority of events presented at the center will be directed at Joplin and area residents, College-sponsored events will also benefit Joplin and area residents. After all, nearly 40 percent of the College's students are residents of Joplin, and some 80 percent are residents of Jasper, Newton, and three surrounding counties. The city and the College will both benefit from the civic center and the complementarity of uses and purposes of the facility for both is clearly one example of the total being greater than the sum of the parts.

Some visionary and optimistic citizens from Joplin and the area worked hard to create a four-year college 35 years ago. The benefits from the investment are undeniable. Now, as we near the beginning of the next millennium, a mature Missouri Southern State College is proud to be a part of a joint venture that will have significant impact on the growth and development of Joplin and the region for many years to come.

Dr. Julio Leon  
President, Missouri Southern State College